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Re: Regional Water Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP)

Dear Mr. / Ms. <Name>:

Introduction:

On September 19, 2013 the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (**Water Board**) adopted the "Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Tulare Lake Basin Area that are Members of a Third-Party Group", Order R5-2013-0120 (**General Order**). This new General Order rescinded the previous Coalition Group Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands, Order R5-2006-0053 (**Conditional Waiver**).

The Westside Water Quality Coalition (WWQC) submitted an Application to Serve as a Third-Party Representing Members under the General Order on October 22, 2013, and has received a Notice of Applicability (**NOA**) from the Board, confirming the WWQC as an approved Third-Party on May 21, 2014.

Why My Land?:

You are receiving this letter because I have enrolled irrigated lands that you own, lease, and/or operate in the WWQC for coverage under the General Order. The approved WWQC boundary map can be found at www.wwqc.com. The new General Order requires any irrigated lands having the potential to discharge to surface water or groundwater to comply with the requirements of the General Order. The Water Board defines irrigated land as "*land irrigated to produce crops or pasture used for commercial purposes including lands that are planted to commercial crops that are not yet marketable (e.g. vineyards and tree crops). Irrigated lands also include nurseries, and privately and publicly managed wetlands*". Parcels that are exempt from this Order are those that operate under a different waste discharge requirement order, such as land associated with dairies, food processors, and potentially feedlots (a feedlot order is planned to be issued).

What is Required:

As the Member, I will be the primary party responsible for compliance towards the General Order. However, as the landowner, lessee, and/or operator you may be contacted in regards to the applicable parcel(s). As the Member I will fulfill all General Order compliance and reporting requirements (a summary of Member requirements and reporting deadlines is provided as **Attachment 1**). As the owner, lessee, and/or operator of parcel(s) that I have enrolled for coverage, I am required to notify you of the General Order and enrollment of the applicable parcel(s).

Additional Information:

An Enrollment Workshop has been scheduled for September 9, 2014, 10 a.m. at the Belridge Water Storage Water District office to aid and facilitate Member enrollment in the WWQC and to answer any questions you may have.

If the Enrollment Workshops have already occurred, additional information on the General Order and the WWQC, and FAQs can be found on the WWQC's website at www.wwqc.org; or by contacting the WWQC at (661) 762-7316 or admin@wwqc.org

Respectfully,

Enclosures: 1 – Summary of Member Requirements