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Please add me to the people who want to see nature thriving.

I urge you to reject the proposed Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Framework.

In order to fully protect and restore degraded surface and ground water, the Regional Board should make the following changes to the proposed program.

Eliminate third party coalitions and require instead that individual dischargers submit reports to the Regional Board identifying the location and content of discharges to both surface water and groundwater.

Monitor discharges to surface water and groundwater and the effectiveness of measures implemented to reduce pollution. The blunt fact is that water quality cannot be protected if you don't measure actual discharges to quantify pollution and evaluate the effectiveness of implemented management measures.

Require all farm dischargers to prepare individual farm water quality management plans that identify measures implemented to reduce pollution. These plans must be made available to the Regional Board and the public.

Require compliance with water quality standards in the near-term, not some uncertain distant future. After decades of no regulation and seven years of voluntary compliance, its time for an effective program.

Demonstrate consistency with the state's non-point source and antidegradation policies.

Thank you for your consideration.

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