

July 1, 2011

Dear Shelton Gray and Doug Wachtell,

Regarding: Public Hearing of the Water Board's Tentative Resolution R5-2011, Sierra Valley Almonds and SVA Group.

As property owners directly south of the former Oberti olive processing plant there are several concerns to state and issues to resolve.

1. **Issue:** Currently rain and water run off from this property drains south flooding county avenue 12 ½ and our property.
Resolution: Implement water runoff mitigations and maintenance procedures to resolve this problem.
2. **Issue:** The current pollution status of the ground water is unknown as the regularly scheduled groundwater quality monitoring program has ceased.
Resolution: Implement a long term, rigorous, systematic, comprehensive, and regularly scheduled groundwater quality monitoring program to monitor and record changes in ground water quality to include microbial contaminants; organic, inorganic, and radioactive contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; and any other known or unknown natural or anthropogenic contaminant that may be present or have been disposed of on the property and incorporating a notification to neighbors and those affected.
3. **Issue:** If the water quality is compromised there is no policy as to what threshold will require action, what that action will take, when it is to occur, who is to pay, and what recourse is to be taken when a neighbor or affected persons concern's are not addressed to their satisfaction (including water run off mitigation and the ground water quality monitoring program).
Resolution: Use federal and state water quality laws and guidance to set up a monitoring program, implement a neighborhood notification system with status reports, set thresholds, decide on the mitigation and remedy actions, and the establishment of a trust to provide funding for the above to include home and agricultural water well replacement, filtration and purification systems, and the purchase and delivery of potable drinking water if necessary for as long as the ground water problem persists.

Sincerely,

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