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EAST SAN JOAQUIN WATER QUALITY COALITION MANAGEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE MODIFICATION FOR FOURTH PRIORITY SITE SUBWATERSHEDS

Thank you for submitting the 23 July 2012 request to update the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) Management Plan. The request proposes a schedule extension for documenting current and recommended management practices in the Fourth Priority Site Subwatersheds.

The Coalition contacted targeted growers with parcels adjacent to waterways where discharges have been identified in the Fourth Priority Site Subwatersheds. During individual meetings, the Coalition collects information on current management practices and encourages the adoption of additional management practices (Performance Measure 2.1 due on 30 July 2012). The recommended management practices are documented and summarized on the subwatershed level (Performance Measure 2.2 due on 30 August 2012). Due to growers' commitments during the irrigation season, and the Coalition's intensified effort regarding the upcoming Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), there has been a delay in scheduling of individual meetings with targeted growers. The Coalition is requesting an extension for the completion of the Performance Measures 2.1 and 2.2.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board recognizes that the Coalition has been focusing its resources on outreach and getting member input regarding the upcoming WDRs. The Coalition's request to modify the Management Plan schedule in the Fourth Priority Site Subwatersheds is reasonable and will not affect the subsequent Management Plan milestones. Therefore, I approve the request to postpone the completion date for the Performance Measures 2.1 and 2.2 to 31 August and 30 September 2012, respectively. In addition to the already submitted table with the modified schedule, please update the management plan amendment summary table (Table A) in the Coalition's Management Plan by 30 August 2012.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, or need any further information, please contact Jelena Hartman at jhartman@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at 916-464-4628.

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