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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **COMPLETION OF THE MALATHION MANAGEMENT PLAN IN GILSIZER SLOUGH IN THE BUTTE-YUBA-SUTTER SUBWATERSHED**

Thank you for your letter submitted on 14 May 2012 requesting a determination be made that the Gilsizer Slough Malathion Management Plan is complete. Based on the available information provided by the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition, I have determined that the Malathion Management Plan is complete and further actions identified in the Plan are not required.

The management plan requirement was originally triggered in 2009 by two malathion exceedances detected in samples taken from Gilsizer Slough at George Washington Road in the Butte Yuba Sutter subwatershed. The determination that the above management plan has been completed is based on the following:

- 1) Evaluations of observed exceedances and reported pesticide applications indicate agriculture is not a contributing source of the observed malathion exceedances;
- 2) There were no reported agricultural or non-agricultural uses of malathion in the PUR database for the Gilsizer Slough drainage or in the surrounding areas of Sutter county in the month prior to the exceedances;
- 3) According to Sutter County Agriculture Department staff, there are no agricultural uses for malathion in the winter months when the detections occurred; and
- 4) Gilsizer Slough receives storm water runoff from Yuba City where retail consumer products containing malathion are available for home use.

Central Valley Water Board staff has reviewed the above information and concurs that the Gilsizer Slough Management Plan for malathion should be considered complete.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this approval, please contact Mark Cady at (916) 464-4654, or by email at [mcady@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mcady@waterboards.ca.gov).

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