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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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RE: Request Gilsizer Slough Malathion Management Plan Complete

Dear Ms. Creedon:

The Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition's (Coalition) has completed two years of focused investigation to determine what irrigated agriculture has contributed to the malathion exceedances at the Gilsizer Slough monitoring site. As the *2011 Management Plan Progress Report (MPPR)* details on Page 18:

Evaluations of observed exceedances and reported pesticide applications indicate agriculture is not a contributing source of the observed malathion exceedances. There were no reported agricultural or non-agricultural uses of malathion in the PUR data for the Gilsizer Slough drainage or in the surrounding Sutter county in the months prior to the exceedances. In fact, there were no reported uses for November through March for 2008-2010.

These results and evaluations support a finding that implementation of the management plan should be considered complete based on a determination that agriculture did not cause or contribute to the exceedances.

As specified in the Coalition's *Criteria for Completion of a Management Plan*, we respectfully request that you make a determination of the completeness of this management plan.

Sincerely,

David J. Guy
President
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