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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **COMPLETION OF THE MALATHION MANAGEMENT PLAN ON ULATIS CREEK IN THE SOLANO COUNTY SUBWATERSHED**

Thank you for your letter of 1 April 2013 requesting approval for completion of the malathion Management Plan on Ulatis Creek. This request is supported by extensive monitoring and grower outreach as presented in the Source Evaluation Report for this plan, and in your request letter.

In the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins the discharge of irrigation return flows containing Malathion is prohibited unless the discharger is following a management practice approved by the Board. This Management Plan was triggered by the results of two monitoring events in 2007 where malathion was detected. Malathion was detected in one additional Ulatis Creek sample in 2007. Since the last detection, there have been no detections over a period of four years and 29 monitoring events where samples were tested for malathion. In addition, the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) has undertaken extensive outreach to growers in the Solano subwatershed to provide them with an understanding of the risks to water quality posed by malathion and recommended management practices to reduce those risks.

Based on the information provided by the Coalition, I have determined that this malathion Management Plan for Ulatis Creek is complete and further actions identified in the Plan are not required.

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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