

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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PUTAH CREEK (NAPA) SUBWATERSHED - CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF THE REDUCED MONITORING / MANAGEMENT PRACTICES VERIFICATION OPTION

Thank you for submittal of Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group's (NCPCWG) Reduced Monitoring/Management Practices Verification Option proposal that was submitted on 11 December 2016. To receive Executive Officer approval, the proposal must demonstrate that all conditions are met and the minimum required elements are included, as outlined in Monitoring and Reporting Program Order R5-2014-0030-R1 (Order). An evaluation to determine compliance with each condition and requirement is provided in the attached Staff memorandum.

Based on the information provided in the proposal and Staff's review memorandum (see enclosure), I conditionally approve NCPCWG to use the Reduced Monitoring/Management Practices Verification Option, with final approval pending the completion of sediment toxicity monitoring and submittal of results. The MRP Order (Table 2, section III.C.2) requires toxicity monitoring during Assessment Monitoring years. Although sediment toxicity monitoring was not conducted in 2015 because pesticide use is low, toxicity monitoring is aimed to determine potential synergistic or additive effects of multiple contaminants. Monitoring for sediment toxicity at Representative Site Pope Creek is needed to confirm that agricultural practices are a low threat to surface water quality in the subwatershed area.

Please note that continued approval will be contingent upon adequate annual reporting of specific education and outreach activities. Monitoring required for management plans must continue. In addition, *Ceriodaphnia dubia* toxicity monitoring will need to be conducted during the 2020 Assessment monitoring year, per the MRP Order.

If you have any questions or comments, you may contact Lynn Coster at (530) 224-2437 or by email at lynn.coster@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure: Staff Review of Putah Creek (Napa) Subwatershed Reduced Monitoring / Management Practices Verification Option Proposal

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