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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND DELTA WATER QUALITY COALITION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM PLAN CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board) received the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) Monitoring and Reporting Program Plan (MRP Plan) and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) submitted on 25 August 2008. The Coalition prepared the MRP Plan to meet the requirements of Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. R5-2008-0005 for Coalition Groups under the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Amended Order No. R5-2006-0053 (MRP Order).

The Regional Water Board has evaluated the submittal for compliance with the requirements detailed in the MRP Order. Minor errors were noted and communicated to the Coalition on 3, 4, and 5 September 2008. Revisions were promptly submitted on 8 September 2008, and have since been incorporated into the Coalition's MRP Plan.

The Coalition's MRP Plan describes the strategy for Assessment and Core monitoring, and also identifies Special Project monitoring sites. The MRP Plan was carefully developed and is well-written and organized. It also takes advantage of the flexibility allowed by the MRP Order with respect to monitoring frequency and parameters in order to maximize resources for management practice implementation. The Coalition should be commended for working efficiently and collaborating with Regional Water Board to produce an exemplary MRP Plan.

I am conditionally approving the Coalition's MRP Plan and QAPP pending submittal of an acceptable Management Plan(s) by 30 September 2008, as described in my 17 July 2008 letter to you. The Management Plan(s) will fully describe the Special Project monitoring to be conducted. Monitoring described for Special Project sites will be reviewed annually and may be revised in Management Plan(s) over time.

We have enclosed a table which identifies the Interim Water Quality Trigger Limits to use when comparing monitoring results to levels that require Exceedance Reports and Management Plan development. If the Coalition believes a trigger limit for a given

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parameter and water body is not appropriate, the Coalition should submit a proposed alternative trigger limit with the supporting documentation.

Please note that this conditional approval does not negate the requirement to submit a Semi-Annual Monitoring Report for irrigation season 2008, according to the requirements listed in Coalition Group MRP Order R5-2005-0833.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Chris Jimmerson at cjimmerson@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 464-4859.

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Enclosure: Interim Water Quality Trigger Limits Table