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Imperial County Farm Bureau

June 10, 2013

Mr. Jose Angel
Assistant Executive Officer
Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin
73-730 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dear Jose:

As requested by Regional Water Quality Control Board staff, following is an update on activity by Imperial County Farm Bureau Voluntary TMDL Compliance Program (ICFB TMDL) to address pesticide impairments in the New and Alamo Rivers.

In December 2012 and update to the ICFB TMDL website (www.ivtmdl.com) was completed to include highlighting the specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) that have been determined to address Chlorpyrifos and Diazinon. The following BMPs have been highlighted:

- IID Regulation 39 Tail Water Drain Box
- Land Leveling
- Pan Ditch
- Gopher Control
- Filter Strips
- Grass Strips in Tailditch
- Irrigation Water Management
- Sprinkler Irrigation
- Level Basin Irrigation
- Pump-back System
- Use of Polyacrylamides

On January 28, 2013 I, along with On-Farm Consultant Al Kalin, attended the California Sugar Beet Growers Association to discuss how farmers may be pro-active and

aggressively work to reduce Chlorpyrifos and Diazinon from leaving their fields. The meeting was heavily attended and the information was well received.

Annual Drained meetings were held on May 21-23 in various locations throughout Imperial County. Included in the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Kalin addressing the issue. All growers participating in the ICFB Voluntary TMDL Compliance Program are required to attend these meetings.

ICFB TMDL agrees to upgrade its TMDL Program to implement management practices and reporting mechanism with the goal of achieving Chlorpyrifos and Diazinon water quality standards by end of 2018. Please accept this update on our activities to address issues raised by your staff and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linsey Dale', written in a cursive style.

Linsey Dale
Executive Director