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Date: 12/17/2010 2:53 PM
Subject: RE: Fines for not joining

Thanks for the update Joe.

Parry

From: Joe Karkoski [mailto:jkarkoski@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 2:43 PM
To: Parry Klassen; Brett Stevens
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Subject: Re: Fines for not joining

Hi Parry,

Brett is out today. We had one person last year that was fined (\$3,000) and, in addition to Thomas, there were three other people fined for lesser amounts during the same time period as Thomas. We haven't been generating much activity on the ACL fine front because most folks are responding after either the post card, 13267 order, or NOV for failure to respond to the 13267 order.

We do start the process of preparing an ACL complaint (proposed fine) when we don't get a response to an NOV. However, we're having staff conduct site inspections prior to processing a complaint to see if it is an irrigated ag operation. In a number of cases when we are starting the ACL complaint process, we are finding that they aren't irrigated ag.

We should be posting a summary of our non-participant activity in a couple of weeks. That summary will show our activity. You can assure your growers who are asking that we have a pretty vigorous effort to identify non-participants. The limited number of fines issued points to our success in getting compliance short of fines, rather than a lack of willingness to take enforcement action.

Joe

>>> Parry Klassen <pklassen@unwiredbb.com> 12/17/2010 2:02 PM >>>

Brett,

Not sure why but lately, as we've been doing our grower visits on the management plan waterways, we're being asked how many growers have been fined for not joining the coalition. Other than the infamous Arlan Thomas of several years back (\$3k fine I believe) are there other fines that we can tell them about?

I read into the question that they are wondering how serious is the Water Board about enforcement and what might happen if I drop out of the coalition or my neighbors don't join. The Stanislaus Almond Ranch fine has certainly gotten a lot of people attention but that is more related to discharging sediment (as you know).

Can you provide a compilation or send me to Exec officer reports to look them up?

Parry

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