

June 30, 2011

Susan Fregien
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
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Re: ESJWQC Management Plan Performance Goal Schedule Update for 3rd Priority Subwatersheds

Dear Ms. Fregien,

The East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition is providing this update on its activities related to the Performance Goal schedule in its Management Plan that was submitted as required by the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Resolution Order No. R5-2006-0053, Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. R5-2008-0005 (approved November 25, 2008).

Specifically, Coalition staff realizes that with 30 days remaining before the July 30, 2011 deadline for completion of surveys from growers in third priority subwatersheds that it may not be able to reach 100% completion by that date. The primary reason for not completing the surveys is the difficulty coordinating the meeting schedules for the 50+ remaining grower/landowners in the priority watersheds with Coalition staff who perform the meetings. Coalition staff holds a single meeting with each member which has been an effective strategy for tracking management practices.

A Performance Goal schedule for contacting growers and recording management practice information for the third set of high priority subwatersheds was approved on November 17, 2010. Third priority subwatersheds include Berenda Slough along Ave 18 ½, Dry Creek @ Rd 18, Lateral 2 ½ near Keyes Rd, Livingston Drain @ Robin Ave. The Performance Goal schedule was developed based on prior year's approved goals, measures and schedules for contacting growers and scheduling individual contacts. A total of 77 growers across the four subwatersheds have been contacted and are in communication with the Coalition regarding the scheduling of individual meetings.

The Coalition anticipates that it will be able to meet with 80% of the growers (Performance Goal 2) by July 30, 2011 and 100% of the growers by August 15, 2011. In order to increase the time effectiveness of the meetings, over the next 45 days we will attempt to schedule meetings with more than one landowner at once, asking if neighboring landowners can meet at a single location to perform the surveys and discuss the water quality issues.



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The Coalition will provide a status update on progress in holding the meetings and completing the surveys on July 15 and again on August 2 at the quarterly meeting.

If necessary, we can schedule a conference call or meeting to discuss this at your earliest convenience.

Submitted respectfully,

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East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition

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