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EAST SAN JOAQUIN WATER QUALITY COALITION PROPOSAL FOR MONITORING SITE EXCHANGE

The East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) submitted a request to modify its Monitoring and Reporting Program Plan to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) staff (Staff) on 4 September 2009. The request proposes to exchange a monitoring site identified as Mootz Drain at Langworth Road (535XMDALR) for one at Mootz Drain Downstream of Langworth Pond (535XMDDL). The request is supported by information (land-use maps and monitoring data) which indicate that the Mootz Drain at Langworth Road site (Figure 1) is an agricultural settling pond and does not accurately characterize discharge from Mootz Drain to the Main Canal.

Staff has reviewed the land use maps and information provided by the Coalition. Staff concurs with the Coalition that the Mootz Drain Downstream of Langworth Pond site (Figure 2) better represents discharge in Mootz Drain.

Therefore, I approve the Coalition's request for replacing the Mootz Drain at Langworth Road site with the Mootz Drain Downstream of Langworth Pond site, effective immediately. To ensure the Monitoring and Reporting Program Plan is up to date, please submit the following documents by **7 December 2009**:

- Revisions to the Monitoring and Reporting Program Plan (MRP Plan) Table A, which summarizes all changes to the MRP Plan (ESJWQC_MRPP_Updates_090908.pdf)
- Revisions to the MRP Plan Tables 4, 5, 7, 10, and 13, which list the Coalition's monitoring sites.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the site exchange approval, please contact Dania Huggins at (916) 464-4843.

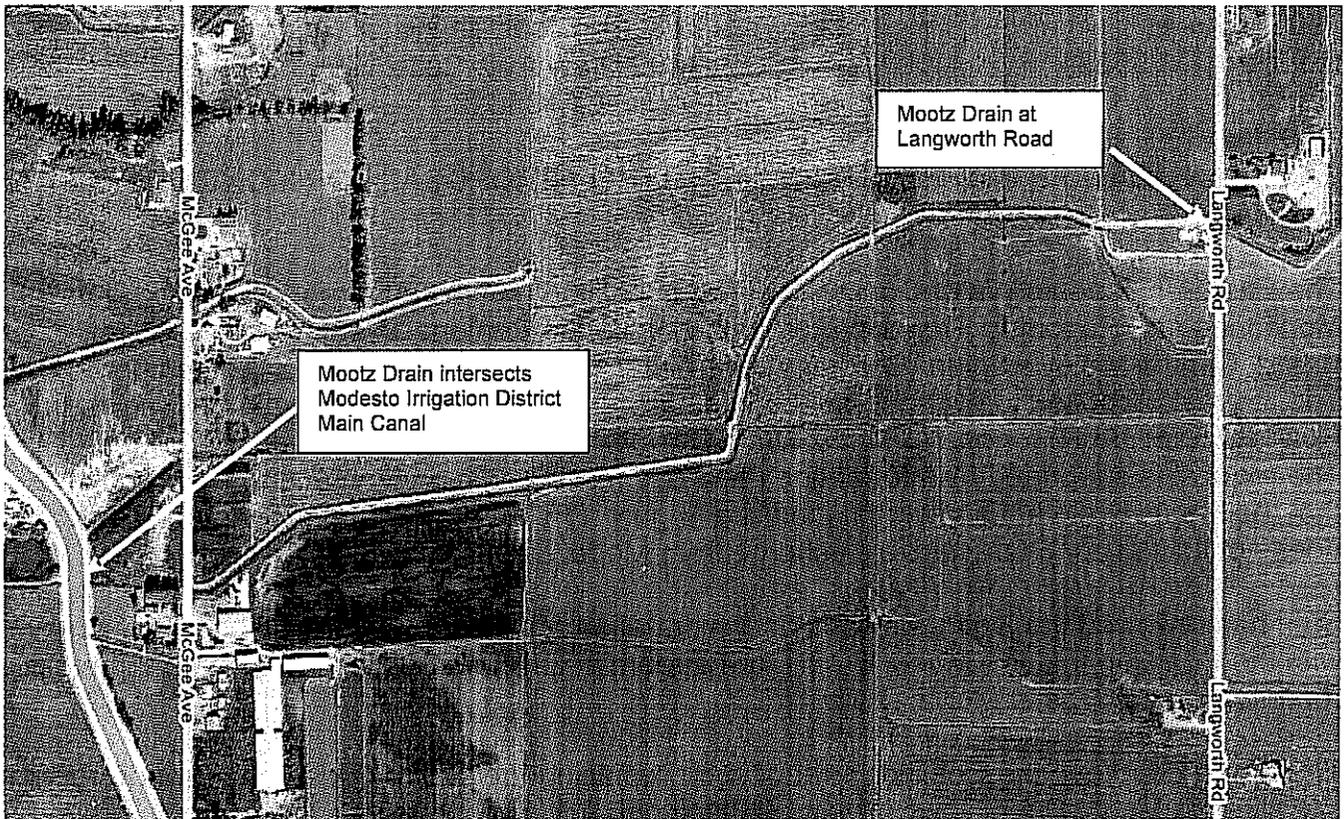
For Pamela C. Creedon
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Enclosure: **Figure 1.** Mootz Drain at Langworth Road site
Figure 2. Alternative Mootz Drain Downstream of Langworth Pond site

1. Samples collected at Mootz Drain @ Langworth Rd reflect water quality in an agricultural holding pond.

Mootz Drain @ Langworth Rd is a small site subwatershed containing a little over 1000 acres of agricultural land. Mootz Drain originates approximately three miles east of the sample site (at Langworth Rd) flowing west a total of about four miles where it spills into the Modesto Irrigation District Main Canal. The current sampling site is located at a settling pond along Mootz Drain about one mile from the MID Main canal.

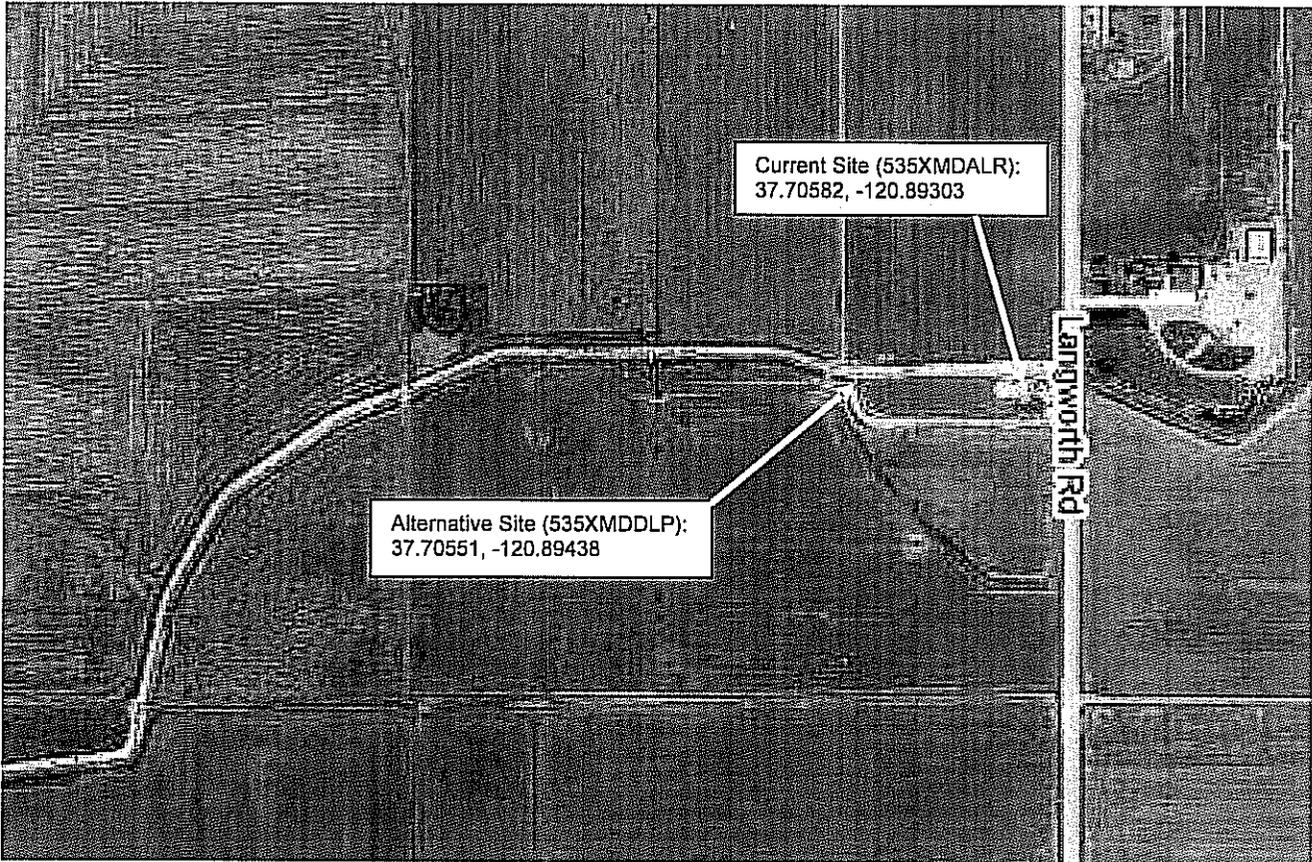
Figure 1. Mootz Drain at Langworth Road site.



2. Alternative location along Mootz Drain, downstream of the settling pond.

The Coalition proposes an alternative sampling location approximately 50 yards downstream of the holding pond where Mootz Drain narrows into a small canal. This location (Mootz Drain Downstream of Langworth Pond) is close to the endpoint of agricultural discharge from the Mootz Drain site subwatershed, prior to its confluence with the Main Canal.

Figure 2. Alternative Mootz Drain Downstream of Langworth Pond site.



Bcc: Joe Karkoski

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