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Adam,

Thanks for meeting with us on Friday. I know our respective staffs are devoted to ground water protection, we just have different ways of getting there. Not to say either way is better, or perfect, just different and I can appreciate the difference in our approaches.

Our Department will be submitting formal comments later today. I did want to transmit two minor edits for you to consider. These will not appear in that formal communication.

1. On Page 11 of the General Order. Point 46 states "The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has developed a Groundwater Protection Program under the authority of the Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act (PCPA) (commencing with Food and Agriculture Code section 13142)."

Comment: The reference should be to Food and Agricultural Code section 13141.

2. In Attachment A to the General Order, Page 12, we suggest the following text to characterize DPR's program:

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), as part of its regulatory requirements under the Pesticide Contamination Prevention Act (PCPA) enacted in 1985, is required to maintain a statewide database of wells sampled for pesticide active ingredients and to post annually to DPR's website a report of the data contained in the database. The report contains actions taken by DPR and the State and Regional Water Boards to prevent pesticide contamination of groundwater. The PCPA also requires public agencies to submit the results of well sampling for pesticide active ingredients to DPR for inclusion in this annual report. DPR's Ground Water Protection Program focuses on monitoring, evaluating the fate and behavior of pesticides in the environment, improving contaminant transport modeling tools, and developing effective mitigation measures to prevent further movement of pesticides to groundwater. There are approximately 830 square-mile sections of land classified as DPR Groundwater Protection Areas within the third-party area. See Figure 5 for a map of the Groundwater Protection Areas within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed.

I look forward to further discussions about our respective programs and how we can best work together to protect our ground water resources. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Lisa