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Interested Parties –Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TO ESTABLISH A LONG-TERM IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to a meeting to establish a Central Valley long-term irrigated lands regulatory program stakeholder workgroup (workgroup). The organizational meeting will be held from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm on October 9th at the Regional Water Board office: 11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, California. This workgroup will provide input on matters related to the development of a long-term program for waste discharges from irrigated agricultural lands to waters of the State. Specifically, the role of the workgroup will be to advise, and provide comment to Regional Water Board staff on the development of program alternatives and evaluation measures.

The workgroup must move deliberately in order to have a long-term program in place before the current interim program expires. We intend the workgroup to be limited in size and to include members designated as representatives of their interest group. Members of the workgroup will be expected to attend the meetings; report back to the group they are representing; and communicate the interests, concerns, and recommendations of their interest group to the workgroup.

Approximately one week prior to the meeting date, the Regional Water Board will circulate, by email, a 'straw' proposal that will contain staff ideas for workgroup structure, goals, selection process, member responsibilities, and operating rules. At this initial meeting, participants will discuss the 'straw' proposal and be asked to make recommendations regarding the proposal. The 'straw' proposal will also be made available on the Regional Water Board's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water issues/irrigated lands/long term program development/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/long_term_program_development/index.shtml).

For those who become members of the workgroup, please be advised that the group could meet as often as monthly over the course of the next six to nine months due to the aggressive timeline of this project. Also, it is likely that each meeting will be four hours in duration, not including travel time. We anticipate workgroup meetings will be face to face, although meeting locations will not be limited to the Sacramento area.

If you plan on attending this meeting, we request that you RSVP by letter or email to:

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In addition, if you or anyone in your organization is interested in this Regional Water Board program and would like to be included on our electronic mailing list, please sign up on the Regional Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml; select Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, and enter your information.

If you have any questions about this workgroup or the irrigated lands regulatory program, please call Adam Laputz at (916) 464-4848 or Joe Karkoski at (916) 464-4668.



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