

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

[X] Office of Planning and Research
For U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Street Address: 1400 Tenth St. Sacramento, CA 95814

[] County Clerk
County of:
Address:

From:

Public Agency: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
Address: 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114
Contact: Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer
Phone: 916-464-4726

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2003021100

Project Title: Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group

Project Location (include county): See Attachment A

Project Description:

See Attachment A.

This is to advise that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has approved the above described project on December 7, 2012 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:
[] Lead Agency or [X] Responsible Agency
(Date)

- 1. The project [X] will [] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [X] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [X] was [] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: See Attachment A.

Signature (Public Agency) [Signature] Title Assistant Executive Officer

Date December 10, 2012 Date Received for filing at OPR

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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Attachment A

Project Location

The project applies to irrigated lands, managed wetlands, and nurseries in the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed. The Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed is bounded by the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range to the east, the Stanislaus River Watershed to the north, the San Joaquin River to the west, and the San Joaquin River Basin boundary to the south as identified in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basin Plan (see map on next page).

Project Description

The project is the adoption of waste discharge requirements. The project establishes requirements to regulate discharges of waste from irrigated lands to surface water and groundwater to assure water quality standards are met. Irrigated lands are lands irrigated to produce crops or pasture for commercial purposes; nurseries; and privately and publicly managed wetlands that do not currently discharge under waste discharge requirements, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permits, or other NPDES permits.

The Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed has approximately one million acres of cropland under irrigation and thousands of individual operations that fall into the category of “discharges of waste from irrigated lands.” Discharges from irrigated lands include surface and groundwater discharges. Waste discharges to surface water include, but are not limited to, irrigation return flows, tailwater, drainage water, subsurface (tile) drains, stormwater runoff flowing from irrigated lands, aerial drift, and overspraying of pesticides. Waste can be discharged to groundwater through pathways including, but not limited to, percolation of irrigation or storm water through the subsurface, backflow of waste into wells (e.g., backflow during chemigation), discharges into unprotected wells and dry wells, and leaching of waste from tailwater ponds or sedimentation basins to groundwater.

Final EIR Available to Public at:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Attachment A

Map of the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed

