State Water Resources Control Board Ex Parte Communication Disclosure Regarding Pending Order

Pending Order

Draft Order WQ re: Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2012-0116

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Date, time, location of meeting

November 13, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Cal-EPA Building

Type of Communication

Oral communication occurred.

Participants

Member Joaquin Esquivel Tim Johnson Roberta Firoved Tess Dunham

Name of person(s) who initiated the communication

Tim Johnson

Describe Communication

Discussion regarding impacts that the Second Draft Order will have on the California Rice Commission, and rice growers in the Sacramento Valley. California Rice Commission explained that the Central Valley Water Board has already determined that Rice does discharge nitrate to groundwater and thus the newly proposed nitrate reporting requirements, and others, should not be proposed on rice growers.