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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND DELTA WATER QUALITY COALITION PROPOSAL FOR MONITORING SITE EXCHANGE

The San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) submitted a request to modify its Monitoring and Reporting Program Plan to the California Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board) staff (Staff) on 4 December 2008. The request proposes to exchange a monitoring site identified as Stanislaus River Drain at South Airport Road for one at Walthall Slough at Woodward Ave. The request is supported by information (land-use maps and monitoring data) which indicate that the Stanislaus River Drain site is more representative of dairy land use than irrigated agriculture.

Staff has reviewed the land use maps and monitoring data provided by the Coalition, as well as dairy parcel maps available at the Regional Water Board. Staff concurs with the Coalition that the Walthall Slough site better represents irrigated agriculture land use.

Therefore, I approve the Coalition's request for replacing the Stanislaus River Drain at South Airport Road site with the Walthall Slough at Woodward Ave site, effective immediately. In order to effectively complete this transition, please submit the following documents by **16 January 2009**:

- Revisions to the Monitoring and Reporting Program Plan (MRP Plan) Table A which summarizes all changes to the MRP Plan
- Revisions to the MRP Plan's Tables 4 and 6 which list the Coalition's monitoring sites

If you have any questions or comments regarding the site exchange approval, please contact Chris Jimmerson at (916) 464-4859.

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