

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

21 May 2014

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REVISED REISSUANCE NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY ISSUED TO THE WESTSIDE WATER QUALITY COALITION TO SERVE AS THE THIRD-PARTY GENERAL ORDER R5-2013-0120

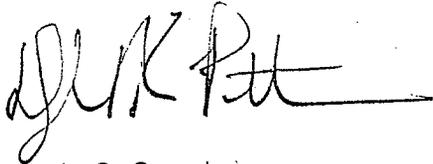
On 6 February 2014, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued a conditional Notice of Applicability (NOA) to the Westside Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) to serve as the third-party entity to represent owners and operators of irrigated lands located within the Westside Water Quality Coalition boundary subject to Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2013-0120 for Growers within the Tulare Lake Basin Area that are Members of a Third-Party Group (General Order). The conditional NOA required that the boundaries of the Coalition be expanded beyond the boundaries proposed in the 31 October 2013 application to serve as the third-party entity and that the Coalition be responsible for all third-party group requirements within this geographic area. In a letter dated 24 February 2014, the Coalition rejected the terms of the conditional NOA and proposed alternative Coalition boundaries that were less inclusive than those required by the conditional NOA. Subsequently, Central Valley Water Board staff meet with representatives of the Coalition to further discuss the necessity of providing all growers, including those within the supplemental coverage area, the opportunity to fulfill their regulatory obligations through membership in a third-party group.

In a letter to growers and an email to the Assistant Executive Officer Clay Rodgers, you indicated that the Coalition has agreed to represent all growers within the Coalition Boundary and the supplemental coverage area (see Revised Figure 1) and comply with all third-party coalition duties required by the General Order, provided that growers within the supplemental coverage contribute to the programs administrative costs and fund General Order tasks completed within the supplemental coverage area. The General Order does not address fee structures between Coalitions and members. The Central Valley Water Board does not have a position regarding fees charged by the Coalition, other than an expectation that all growers within a Coalition's boundary and supplemental area would have an opportunity to join the Coalition and that they pay the appropriate Coalition fees based on the actual costs. In addition, you have indicated that landowners within the supplemental coverage area will be provided two seats on the Coalition's Board of Directors to provide a mechanism for these growers to influence the governance of the third-party.

With these understandings, and based on staff's review of your application and your record of representing growers under the Conditional Waiver, your Coalition meets the requirements of the General Order to serve and a third-party entity.

This letter serves as an NOA and approval of the Coalition to serve as a third-party entity under the General Order. We believe your Coalition is well suited to meet the requirements of a third-party group and to assist your members in complying with the General Order. Those tasks required by the General Order that are time-dependent on the issuance of an NOA will begin upon the date this letter was signed.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact David Sholes at (559) 445-6279.

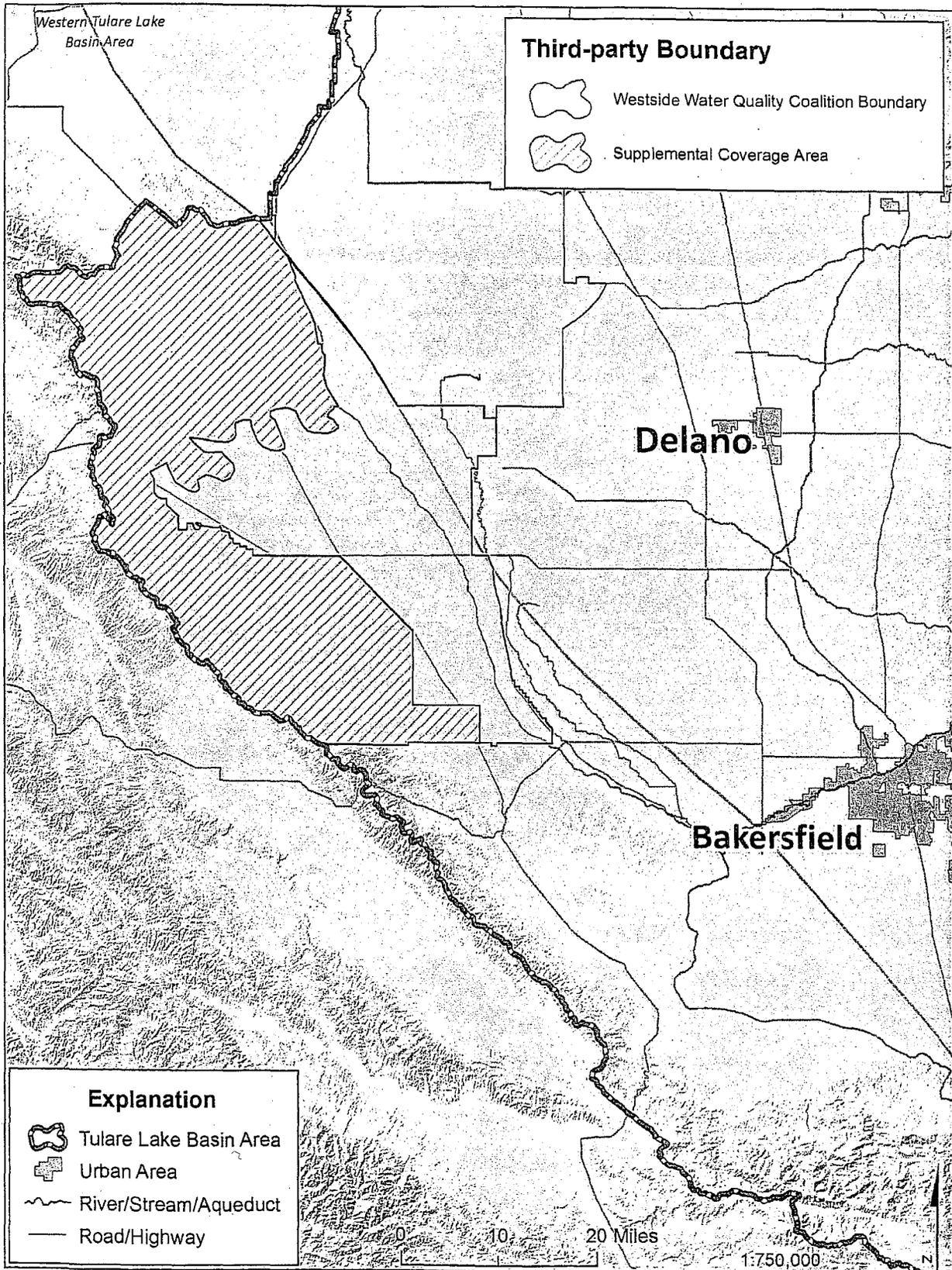


FOR Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Revised Figure 1, Boundary Map
Revised Table of Compliance Dates

cc: Joe Karkoski, Supervising Engineer, Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

REVISED FIGURE 1, MAP OF THE WESTSIDE WATER QUALITY COALITION BOUNDARY



REVISED TABLE OF COMPLIANCE DATES ASSOCIATED WITH ISSUANCE OF THE NOA

Due Date*	Requirements
20 June 2014	Provide Notice of Confirmation to Members
21 July 2014	Outline for Surface Water Monitoring Plan
19 August 2014	Outline for Groundwater Assessment Report
17 November 2014	Notice of Confirmation Received from Current Members Surface Water Monitoring Plan
18 November 2014	Non-enrolled growers apply directly to Regional Board and Third-party
17 December 2014	Membership List
21 May 2015	Groundwater Quality Assessment Report (GAR) Sediment Discharge and Erosion Assessment Report (SDEAR)
1 Year from approval of GAR	Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring Workplan Management Practice Evaluation Workplan (third-party only option)
1 March 2015	Farm Evaluation Template (All High Vulnerability areas) Nitrogen Management Plan Template (Large Farms in High Vulnerability areas)
180 Days from approval of SDEAR	Sediment and Erosion Control Plan Template (Large Farms)
2 Years from approval of GAR	Management Practice Evaluation Workplan (group option)
1 Year from approval of SDEAR	Sediment and Erosion Control Plan Template (Small Farms)
1 March 2016	Farm Evaluation Template (Large Farms in Low Vulnerability areas)
1 March 2017	Nitrogen Management Plan Template (Small Farms in High Vulnerability areas and all farms in low vulnerability areas)
1 March 2018	Farm Evaluation Template (Small Farms in Low Vulnerability areas)

*Based on the effective dates following the issuance of NOA as specified in the Order. The NOA issue date is 21 May 2014.