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Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority

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A joint powers authority to serve as coordinator and coalition group under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program in the Kern River watershed portion of Kern and Tulare Counties

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August 1, 2012

Attn: David Sholes,
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 "E" Street
Fresno, CA 93706-2007

RE: Tulare Lake Basin Area Draft WDRs and MRP for Discharges from Irrigated Lands

Dear Mr. Sholes:

The Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) has been an active participant in the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition's efforts with the development of the draft waste discharge requirements and a draft monitoring and reporting program for discharges from irrigated lands within the Tulare Lake Basin, excluding the area of the Westlands Stormwater Coalition.

As posted, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff will consider written comments submitted by 5 pm on August 10, 2012. As a stakeholder in the process we find that the August 10 deadline does not provide sufficient time for outreach to the membership of the KRCWA impacted by this program. Additionally, the complexity of the program documents and shear scope of the geographic area, including analyzing the monitoring and reporting requirements, renders us unable to submit our comments in any meaningful manner by August 10. Based upon the reasons cited above, the KRWCA respectfully requests the comment period be extended to September 30, 2012.

In our judgment, this extension will also allow a more robust comment submittal that would take into considerations issues to be addressed at the August 21, 2012 Board hearing in Tulare.

Sincerely,

Eric Averett, President

Jason Gianquinto, Vice President

CC: Pamela Creedon
Senator Michael Rubio