TULARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Mission: to promote and enhance the viability of Tulare County agriculture.

July 31, 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 Tulare County Farm Bureau is very interested in participating in the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition's efforts as a stakeholder with the development of the draft waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and a draft monitoring and reporting program (MRP) 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 (Central Valley Water Board) staff will consider written comments submitted by 5 pm on August 10, 2012. We find that due the complexity of the program documents and shear scope of the geographic area, including analyzing the monitoring and reporting requirements and anticipated resource to reach all of the proposed covered members, commodities, we are unable to complete our comments in any meaningful manner by August 10 and therefore respectfully request an extension to September 30, 2012.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

CC: Pamela Creedon
Senator Michael Rubio

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