CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R3-2004-0118
APPROVING AN INITIAL STUDY
AND
ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED L ANDS

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Regional Board), proposes to adopt Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act and has conducted an Initial Study in accordance with title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15063, entitled *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act*; and

WHEREAS, copies of the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration were submitted to the State Clearinghouse on March 23, 2004, and to the Clerks of Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura counties, and transmitted to or made available to all agencies and persons known to be interested in these matters and the public notice provided exceeded the legal requirements for such notice; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board accepted comments for 60 days and has considered all comments; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board considered all testimony and evidence at a public hearing held on July 8, 2004, in San Luis Obispo, California, and good cause was found to approve the Initial Study and adopt a Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, based on the Initial Study, Negative Declaration, and the entire administrative record, the Regional Board finds that adoption of the proposed Waiver has no potential to adversely impact the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board finds, based on the draft Negative Declaration, including the Initial Study and hearing record, that adoption of the proposed Waiver will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife, as defined in Fish and Game Code §711.2, or the habitat on which wildlife resources depend;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Initial Study is approved and the Negative Declaration for the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands* is adopted.

2. The record before the Regional Board contains no substantial evidence that a fair argument has been made that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

3. The Executive Officer, or designee, is authorized to sign and submit a Certificate of Fee Exemption pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 753.5(c).

I, ROGER W. BRIGGS, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Cost Region, on July 9, 2004.

Madley E. Hagemann
FOR ROGER W. BRIGGS, Executive Officer