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Dear Meses. Firestone, Spaletta, and Aguilar and Mr. Jennings:

OWN MOTION REVIEW OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS GENERAL ORDER NO. R5-2012-0116 FOR GROWERS WITHIN THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WATERSHED THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE THIRD-PARTY GROUP, CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD: NOTICE OF NEW DATE FOR ADOPTION MEETING **SWRCB/OCC FILES A-2239(a)-(c)**  
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On October 10, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released a second staff-proposed order in the above matter and set a projected date for consideration for adoption for January 23, 2018. This letter notifies all interested persons that the adoption meeting has been postponed and that the State Water Board will instead consider adoption of the proposed order on **February 7, 2018, commencing at 10:00 a.m.** in the Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor of the Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California.

State Water Board staff expects to release a set of proposed revisions to the second staff-proposed order on or about January 18, 2018. The State Water Board will not be accepting written comment on the proposed revisions.

### EXCEPTION TO PROHIBITION ON EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

The prohibition against ex parte communications<sup>1</sup> does not apply to general waste

<sup>1</sup> Gov. Code, §11430.10 et seq.

discharge requirements until a specified date just prior to the State Water Board's scheduled adoption of the general WDRs.<sup>2</sup> In this matter, ex parte communications between interested persons and Board members will be allowed, subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. More information and sample disclosure forms are available at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/docs/swrcb\\_godf\\_fillin.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/swrcb_godf_fillin.pdf).

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS AT THE ADOPTION MEETING

Interested persons are asked to limit oral comments at the adoption meeting to comments on the proposed revisions to the second staff-proposed order. To ensure a productive and efficient adoption meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral statements will be time-limited. Parties and interested persons are encouraged to prepare panel presentations. Panels will be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes and may be further time-limited based on the number of requests for panels received. Petitioners and interested persons proposing panels must contact Senior Staff Counsel Emel Wadhvani by e-mail at [Emel.Wadhvani@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Emel.Wadhvani@waterboards.ca.gov) by 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 1, 2018, with the proposed panel and requested amount of time for presentation. Individual presentations will be limited to a maximum of three minutes per speaker.

Any materials to be presented at the adoption meeting, including power point presentations and other visual displays must be submitted to Ms. Jeanine Townsend at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) by 12:00 noon on Monday, February 5, 2018.

Additional information regarding this matter, including instructions to join an email distribution list to receive correspondence from the State Water Board regarding this matter, is available at [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality/a2239\\_sanjoaquin\\_ag.s.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/a2239_sanjoaquin_ag.s.html).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Wadhvani in the Office of Chief Counsel, at (916) 322-3622 or at [Emel.Wadhvani@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Emel.Wadhvani@waterboards.ca.gov).

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