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Dear Mses Firestone and Spaletta, and Mr. Jennings:

PETITIONS OF [A-2239(a)] ASOCIACIÓN DE GENTE UNIDA POR EL AGUA (AGUA), FAIRMEAD COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS, AND PLANADA EN ACCIÓN; [A-2239(b)] CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE AND CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK; AND, [A-2239(c)] SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND DELTA WATER QUALITY COALITION, CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER QUALITY COALITION, ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, AND SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT (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 WATER BOARD: CONSOLIDATION OF COMPLETE PETITIONS (30-DAY RESPONSE) **SWRCB/OCC FILES A-2239(a), A-2239(b), and A-2239(c)**

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed order in the above-entitled matter. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider this order at its meeting that will be held on *Tuesday, August 5* commencing at *9:00 a.m.* in the Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor of the Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California. You will separately receive an agenda for this meeting.

At the meeting, interested persons will be allowed to comment orally on the draft order, subject to the following time limits. The petitioners, AUGA, et al.; California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al.; and San Joaquin County Resources Conservation District et al. will each be allowed a total of five minutes for oral comment, with additional time for questions by the State

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Water Board members. Other interested persons will be allotted a lesser amount of time to address the State Water Board. At the meeting, the State Water Board may adopt the draft order as written or with revisions, it may decide not to adopt the order, or it may continue consideration until a later meeting.

All comments shall be based solely upon evidence contained in the record or upon legal argument. Supplemental evidence will not be permitted except under the limited circumstances described in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050.6. Written comments on the draft order must be received by **August 1, 2014 at noon**. Please indicate in the subject line, comments to A-2239—August 5 Board Meeting. Those comments must be addressed to:

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If there are any questions or comments, please contact James Herink, Senior Staff Counsel, in the Office of Chief Counsel, at (916) 341-5150 or email jherink@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
ORDER WQ 2014-

In the Matter of the Petitions of

ASOCIACIÓN DE GENTE UNIDA POR EL AGUA (AGUA), FAIRMEAD COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS, AND PLANADA EN ACCIÓN;

CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE AND CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK; AND,

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND DELTA WATER QUALITY COALITION, CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER QUALITY COALITION, ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, AND SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

For Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2012-0116

Issued by the

California Regional Water Quality Control Board,
Central Valley Region

SWRCB/OCC FILES A-2239(a)-(c)

BY THE BOARD:

On December 7, 2012, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2012-0116 (Permit) to all growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are members of a third-party group. Three timely petitions were filed seeking review of the Permit with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). These petitions were deemed complete and consolidated for review on November 8, 2013.¹

State Water Board regulations generally require final disposition on petitions within 270 days of the date a petition is deemed complete.² If the State Water Board has not made a formal disposition within this time frame, the regulations deem the petition denied. The denial of a petition for review would ordinarily require a petitioner to file any judicial challenge within 30 days of the denial.³ When the State Water Board anticipates addressing a petition on

¹ Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2054.

² Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2050.5, subd. (a).

³ Wat. Code, § 13330, subd. (b).

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the merits after the review period passes, it may indicate that it will review the matter on its own motion to avoid unnecessary or premature litigation.

The State Water Board anticipates issuing an order addressing some of the issues raised in the petitions, but not by August 5, 2014. Therefore, the State Water Board has decided to review the Permit on its own motion.⁴

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the State Water Board will review Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2012-0116 on its own motion.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on August 5, 2014.

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NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

⁴ See Wat. Code, § 13320, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2050.5, subd. (c).