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## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 4, 2014

AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY PROGRAM  
ID NUMBER: **AW1579**

Don Bianucci  
Paradise Christmas Tree Farms  
1520 Yvonne Drive  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

To Mr. Bianucci:

### INDIVIDUAL RANCH/FARM – TIER REVIEW REQUEST DETERMINATION

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) received an official request dated January 20, 2014 to review the ranch/farm tier assigned by Water Board staff under Order No. R3-2012-0011, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Agricultural Order). The request was specifically related to the below listed ranch/farm:

Name of Ranches/Farms: Paradise Christmas Tree Farms  
Current Water Board Tier Assignment: Tier 2  
Grower Requested Tier Assignment: Tier 1

The Water Board has reviewed your request, and has **DENIED** your Grower Requested Tier Assignment. The basis for our determination is: *This ranch/farm is located within 1,000 feet of Llagas Creek, a surface waterbody listed for toxicity, pesticides, nutrients, turbidity or sediment on the 2010 List of Impaired Waterbodies. This characteristic places this ranch/farm in Tier 2. Refer to the Agricultural Order, p17, #16,2b.*

The final tier assignment is now reflected in GeoTracker. You can log into your GeoTracker account to verify your information. You must continue to keep the information in your electronic-Notice of Intent (eNOI) up to date. If the characteristics of the ranch/farm change such that the assigned tier may no longer apply per the tiering criteria in Order R3-2012-0011, you must notify the Water Board by submitting an updated Tier Review Request.

If you have questions, please contact Monica Barricarte at (805) 549-3881 or [mbarricarte@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mbarricarte@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*for*  
Kenneth A. Harris, Jr.  
Executive Officer

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