



Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 18, 2014

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM
ID NUMBER: AW3758

Mr. Zsuzsa Hegedus
Quail Spring Farm
PO Box 779
Cayucos, CA 93430

TIER DETERMINATION LETTER

Dear Mr. Hegedus:

TIER REVIEW REQUEST DETERMINATION: QUAIL SPRING FARM, 1970 QUINTANA ROAD, MORRO BAY, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY (AGL020020462)

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) received your request on March 20, 2014 to re-evaluate the ranch/farm tier assigned by Water Board staff under Agricultural 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 Ranch/Farm: Quail Spring Farm
Current Water Board Tier Assignment: Tier 2
Grower Requested Tier Assignment: Tier 1

The Water Board staff has reviewed your request, and has DENIED your Grower Requested Tier Assignment. The basis for our determination is described below, and can be found in the Agricultural Order, page 17, Provision #16. 2c. :

Discharger grows crop types with high potential to discharge nitrogen to groundwater (e.g. lettuce-leaf) and the farm/ranch is within 1,000 feet of a well that is part of a public water system that exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for nitrate.

Based on our evaluation the ranch/farm shall remain in Tier 2. The approximate locations for public water system wells are available on the Water Board's GeoTracker GAMA website at http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/gama/

The tier assignment for this ranch/farm is now reflected in GeoTracker. You can login to your GeoTracker account to verify your information. 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, the grower must notify the Water Board by submitting an updated Tier Review Request.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact **Corey Walsh at (805) 542-4781 or at cwalsh@waterboards.ca.gov** or Angela Schroeter at (805) 542-4644 or at aschroeter@waterboards.ca.gov. For more information about the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program please visit the Central Coast Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/index.shtml

Sincerely,

Angela Schroeter

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Executive Officer

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Landowner:

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(Concerning APN: 073-131-006)