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To the members of the State and Regional Water Board:

My name is Marisol Cortez, and I'm a resident of West Sacramento, California. I would like to comment on the Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Land Discharges and the implications this waiver has for the environmental health of the State of California. Specifically, I am concerned that the Central Valley overwhelmingly relies on groundwater for its drinking water, yet ground water remains largely unregulated. This disproportionately benefits the agricultural industry yet the costs are borne by the health and welfare of Central Valley residents, particularly those who live in some of the highest poverty rates and lowest rates of health care coverage.

Clean & safe drinking water is a basic human right and its safety should be ensured by the State & regional bodies formed to protect it. For this reason + those mentioned above, I recommend that the regional water boards, under the oversight of the State Water Board, begin + regulate contamination caused to groundwater by irrigated land discharges.

Please consider no longer giving a waiver to the agricultural industry for irrigated land discharges.

Thank you,
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