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TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MICHAEL VANDER DUSSEN, DBA DOUBLE DIAMOND DAIRY MERCED COUNTY

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Michael Vander Dussen requires individual WDRs for an expanded herd size at his dairy. The dairy is currently housing the expanded herd size, which includes 4,800 milk cows, 720 dry cows, 1,340 bred heifers, 700 heifers aged one year to breeding, 1,540 three-to-twelve month calves, and 770 baby calves for a total herd size of 9,870 Holstein animals. Enclosed is a copy of the Response to Comments and tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (Tentative Order) for Double Diamond Dairy, located at 729 E Jefferson Rd, El Nido, Merced County. The Tentative Order reflects changes made in response to comments received.

The Tentative Order was released for public comment on 2 June 2008. Regional Board staff received comments on the Tentative Order from: The Source Group, Inc., the Law Office of Thomas H. Terpstra on behalf of Mr. Michael Vander Dussen, and the Environmental Law Foundation on behalf of Environmental Law Foundation, AGUA, and California Sportfishing Alliance.

In order to conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the Response to Comments and the Tentative Order to the Discharger only. Interested persons may download the Response to Comments and Tentative Order from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Internet website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. If you do not have access to the Internet or otherwise require a paper copy of the Tentative Order be sent to you, please contact Jennifer LaBay at (916) 464-4735.

The Tentative Order is scheduled to be heard at the **4/5 February 2009** Regional Board meeting. All interested persons may speak at the Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair. If you are interested in providing testimony at the scheduled Board meeting, please contact Jennifer LaBay at (916) 464-4735 as soon as possible.

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Should you have any questions regarding the tentative order, please call Jennifer LaBay at (916) 464-4735 or by email at JLaBay@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure: Response to Comments (Discharger Only)
Tentative Order (Discharger Only)

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