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Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail

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Dear Ms. Creedon and Mr. Pulupa:

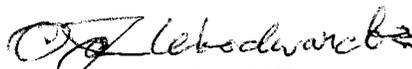
My family has owned mineral rights in the Edison Field of Bakersfield for over 50 years and depend on the monthly income from this oil production. We understand that there is a hearing regarding a proposed Cease and Desist Order against the Valley Water Management Company (Valley Water) scheduled for July 30, 2015, regarding alleged contamination of ground water. If this Order is approved by your Board, Valley Water's member oil producers will be forced to stop production, resulting in a total loss of income from these oil operations.

Valley Water has been on this same site since the late 1950s and have always complied with the regulatory requirements. In 2012, they voluntarily drilled test wells all around the facility to test the ground water. We understand that the results do not show any threat to local wells as alleged. Apparently, even the farmers' well water around the facility was tested and no problems were found. Also, as Valley Water member royalty owners, we helped pay for these monitoring wells because clean safe water is important to all of us.

We request that the Regional Board reconsider this proposed order for Valley Water to cease all irrigation at the Race Track facility by August 15, 2015. Valley Water, its members, and related royalty owners have paid a considerable amount of money to demonstrate that these practices are not causing any offsite harm and plan to continue in this effort.

In addition, it would be appreciated if you could hold this hearing to Kern County in order that those most involved are able to attend. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


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