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July 11, 2014

ESJ Member ID#3039
Monte Bounds
Bounds Family Trust
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Dear Monte Bounds,

Almost 20% of ESJWQC members failed to complete their Farm Evaluation Survey by the May 15, 2014 deadline, including yourself. As a result, the report summarizing the information that was submitted by ESJWQC on July 1, 2014 was lacking information on more than 90,000 acres of irrigated cropland.

Because completing a Farm Evaluation survey is a mandatory requirement for all growers belonging to a water quality coalition in the Central Valley, failing to submit the survey can lead to enforcement actions by the Regional Water Board.

Attached is a letter ESJWQC is being required to send to all its members who have not completed the Farm Evaluation survey.

When our member list is submitted to the Regional Water Board on July 31, 2014, we are required to indicate which members have completed this requirement. The Regional Water Board has informed us that they will contact each member regarding their failure to meet this requirement of completing a Farm Evaluation.

Please complete and return the survey as soon possible to prevent the Water Board from taking the actions described in the enclosed letter.

If you did not farm the property in 2013, please contact us so we can clear you of the requirement to submit a Farm Evaluation for 2013 practices. If the property is leased, provide us the contact information and we will send the survey to the leasee.

If you need assistance or have questions please call: **(209) 846-6112** or contactesj@esjcoalition.org

Return completed Farm Evaluations to:

ESJWQC
1201 L Street
Modesto, CA 95354

Or

contactesj@esjcoalition.org

Thank you,

Parry Klassen
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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

7 July 2014

LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT FARM EVALUATION

To: Members of the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition who have Failed to Submit their Farm Evaluation

In becoming a Member of the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (Coalition), you became subject to the legal requirements described in the "Waste Discharge Requirements for Growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group" (Order R5-2012-0116-R2 or "Order"). According to the Coalition's records, you have failed to meet your obligation to submit a Farm Evaluation to the Coalition. Failure to submit your Farm Evaluation by the required 1 May 2014¹ due date may subject you to fines as high as **\$1,000 per day** for every day after 1 May 2014 and result in the Central Valley Water Board directly regulating your farming operation.

The Order, and your membership in the Coalition, provides you with a cost effective method to comply with the State of California's water quality law. If you fail to comply with the Order, you will be directly regulated by the Central Valley Water Board, rather than working through the Coalition. Your costs to comply will likely go up significantly. For example, the current State fee for a 50 acre farm is approximately \$1,400 (or about \$28 /acre) and the associated monitoring and reporting costs could be as high as \$50 / acre – for a total cost for fees, monitoring, and reporting of over \$75 /acre. This cost is about 20 times greater than the fees charged by the Coalition, which include State fees (currently \$0.75/acre for Coalition Members), as well as costs for the Coalition to conduct monitoring and provide reports to the Central Valley Water Board.

The Order requires the Coalition to identify those Members who have not submitted their Farm Evaluation. The Central Valley Water Board intends to take immediate action against those Members that have failed to submit their Farm Evaluation to the Coalition. To avoid fines and the potential imposition of more stringent and costly regulatory requirements, you should **immediately submit your Farm Evaluation to the Coalition**. The Coalition can be contacted at **(209) 846-6112**.

Sincerely,



Andrew Altevogt, Assistant Executive Officer

¹ For Members in High Vulnerability Areas – see Section VII.B.2. of the Order - http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2012-0116-r2.pdf.