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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$10,000 COMPLAINT FOR WASTE DISCHARGE VIOLATIONS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer has issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (Complaint) to Antonio P. and Mary R. Bettencourt in the amount of \$10,000 for violations of the Coalition Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands.

The Bettencourts are trustees of the 1993 Antonio P. and Mary R. Bettencourt Living Trust. Also named in the complaint are Tom Bloomfield, lessee of the property and F.A. Maggiore & Sons, LLC, sub lessee of the property, which is in Brentwood, Contra Costa County.

The irrigated parcel associated with the violations is a 57-acre tomato field. The Water Board staff conducted two separate inspections at the site in 2010 and 2011. Significant amounts of sediment-laden irrigation return flows from the property and discharged to a roadside ditch that empties into Kellogg Creek, a tributary to the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. The Complaint alleges that the discharges caused pollution in violation of Water Board requirements and standards. The Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta is home to a number of endangered and threatened aquatic species, as well as supplying drinking water to two-thirds of the State's residents.

This Complaint is available for public review on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Public comments are due by March 12, 2012.

The Central Valley Water Board may consider the Complaint at its regular board meeting on March 29/30, 2012. The Central Valley Water Board is a California state agency responsible for the preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources.