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Ms. Pamela Creedon, Executive Officer
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Subject: Proposed Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

Dear Ms Creedon:

This letter is to follow up on the meeting Bill Phillimore and I had with you on August 7, 2012. Since then, there have been discussions (including statements by Board members) about having a further workshop in November in Kern County regarding the draft General Order for the Tulare Lake Basin. I understand it now appears the scheduled for final consideration of General Orders will be deferred somewhat and it has been suggested the further workshop tentatively scheduled for Kern County in November should be postponed until at least January.

We are pleased additional time is being taken to develop a further draft of the General Order and related documents. However, we encourage you to keep the additional workshop in Kern County in November. We and others are developing additional information to share with the Regional Board, and believe it in the best interests of the Regional Board if through the planned workshop you obtain additional factual information before attempting to prepare a final draft of the General Order and related documents. Simply putting out a further (and final) draft before the Regional Board and its staff better understand the facts, particularly as applied in the Kern area, will only create addition uncertainty and controversy. Therefore we believe the additional workshop should be held in November as originally planned.

Please coordinate the timing of the workshop through David Orth and myself, and we stand prepared to assist with the logistics for the workshop. Also, please don't hesitate to call Bill or I if you wish to discuss this further.

Very truly yours,

Eric Averett, Chairman

Cc: Dr. Karl Longley, Chair
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