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August 1, 2012

Ms. Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA. 95670

RE: Draft Long-term ILRP WDR for the Tulare Lake Basin

Dear Ms. Creedon:

The Nisei Farmers League is an agricultural association representing 1,100 growers, packers, processors, and their employees on a wide variety of issues. Our membership stretches throughout the western United States, but is concentrated in the San Joaquin Valley.

We support the efforts to extend the interested party review period for the Tulare Lake Basin Long-term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. We believe that an extension would allow for our growers to conduct more research of the proposed program and would provide for more-informed comments, based on that research. The proposed program is extremely complex and many farms will be impacted. Therefore, we feel that the comment period should be extended to September 30, 2012.

Sincerely,

Manuel Cunha, Jr.

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