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2007 ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT – CALIFORNIA RICE COMMISSION

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff (Staff) received the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) on 26 December 2007, which was submitted by the California Rice Commission (CRC) to meet the conditions of the Monitoring and Reporting Program (CRC MRP) Order No. R5-2003-0839 and as required by Resolution No. R5-2006-0053.

Staff has prepared a review of the AMR in the attached memorandum. According to the review, some items apparently require correction, or are missing from the AMR, although my understanding is that the CRC has been notified and is already making the appropriate corrections. It is also worth noting that CRC has taken some actions that exceed the requirements, in particular the continuation of toxicity testing for all four species beyond the time period identified MRP.

As a reminder the Water Board recently adopted a Coalition Group MRP, Board Order No. 2008-0005. The Coalition is encouraged to begin discussions with Regional Board Staff regarding a monitoring program that is consistent with the recently adopted Board Order for the storm and irrigation seasons of 2009. Special project monitoring for Management Plans where exceedances have occurred will also need to be submitted to the Regional Board and approved by the Executive Officer prior to their implementation. In the interim, the CRC MRP will need to be followed.

I would like to commend the CRC for their proactive approach in working with the Staff of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. It is this type of cooperation that is critical to the success of the program and the most effective way to ensure improvements in water quality.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the attached review or the submittal of required documents, please contact Margaret Wong at mawong@waterboards.ca.gov, or 916-464-4857.

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