



May 30, 2013

Pamela Creedon, Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
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Re: ESJWQC Management Plan Performance Goal Schedule Extension for Fifth Priority Subwatersheds

Dear Ms. Creedon,

The East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) is requesting an update to its Management Plan that was approved on November 25, 2008. The current fifth priority Performance Goal schedule requires that for the current high priority subwatersheds, the Coalition receive completed management practice information from growers by July 30, 2013. The Coalition is working to obtain completed surveys from selected members within the fifth priority subwatersheds. The Coalition has been focused on holding meetings with members regarding the new Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR), enrolling new members into the program, and responding to phone calls from new and existing members regarding questions about the new WDR Order. Due to these reasons, available times for scheduling individual meetings with members have been limited.

The Performance Goal schedule for contacting growers and recording management practice information for the fifth set of high priority subwatersheds was approved on November 1, 2012. This schedule was developed based on prior year's approved goals, measures and schedules for contacting growers and scheduling individual meetings. Fifth priority subwatersheds include Hatch Drain @ Tuolumne Rd, Highline Canal @ Lombardy Rd, Merced River @ Santa Fe and Miles Creek @ Reilly Rd. A total of 50 growers across the fifth priority subwatersheds have been contacted and are in communication with the Coalition regarding the scheduling of individual meetings.

Table 1 includes an updated schedule for fifth priority Performance Goals. The completion date for Performance Measure 2.1 has been updated from July 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013. Performance Measure 2.2 is dependent on Performance Measure 2.1 and therefore the Coalition requests that the due date for Performance Measure 2.2 be updated from August 30, 2013 to October 31, 2013. The Coalition will provide a status update concerning the progress of these meetings at the Quarterly Meetings with Regional Board staff.

If necessary, we can schedule a conference call or meeting to discuss this request at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

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Board Chairman
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Table 1. Updated High Priority Performance Goals schedule for 2013 - 2015 high priority site subwatersheds (Hatch Drain @ Tuolumne Rd, Highline Canal @ Lombardy Rd, Merced River @ Santa Fe and Miles Creek @ Reilly Rd) approved November 1, 2012.

PERFORMANCE GOAL/PERFORMANCE MEASURE	OUTPUTS	WHO	STATUS AS OF APRIL 1, 2013 ¹			
			HATCH DRAIN @ TUOLUMNE RD	HIGHLINE CANAL @ LOMBARDY RD	MERCED RIVER @ SANTA FE	MILES CREEK @ REILLY RD
Performance Goal 1: Individually contact members on adjacent properties to waterways where discharges have been identified to fill out surveys.						
Performance Measure 1.1 – 100% of identified growers contacted to fill out surveys.	Report ratio of individual initial contacts made versus total growers identified to contact.	Parry Klassen	March 30, 2013	March 30, 2013	March 30, 2013	March 30, 2013
Performance Measure 1.2 – Contact owners/operators in the site subwatershed with direct drainage membership acreage.	Report ratio of acreage represented by individual contacts versus subwatershed acreage determined to have direct drainage.	MLJ-LLC	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly
Performance Goal 2: Establish current practices (beyond established baseline practices) on adjacent properties to waterways or where discharges are identified.						
Performance Measure 2.1 – Document current management practices of 100% of identified growers during individual contacts and encourage the adoption of new practices not currently implemented.	Record in an Access database current management practices used that may reduce agricultural impact on water quality.	Parry Klassen	Sept. 30, 2013	Sept. 30, 2013	Sept. 30, 2013	Sept. 30, 2013
Performance Measure 2.2 – Document management practices that the identified grower were encouraged to implement.	Summary of management practice evaluations on a site subwatershed level in the Management Plan update.	MLJ-LLC	Oct. 31, 2013	Oct. 31, 2013	Oct. 31, 2013	Oct. 31, 2013
Performance Goal 3: Encourage growers to implement additional management practices based on water quality results.						
Performance Measure 3.1 – Document (e.g. assess number/type) new management practices implemented by identified growers.	Record implemented management practices from returned surveys in an Access database.	Parry Klassen/MLJ-LLC	Feb. 28, 2014*	Feb. 28, 2014*	Feb. 28, 2014*	Feb. 28, 2014*
	Summary of management practices implemented as a result of individual contacts.	MLJ-LLC	April 1, 2014 April 1, 2015	April 1, 2014 April 1, 2015	April 1, 2014 April 1, 2015	April 1, 2014 April 1, 2015
Performance Goal 4: Evaluate effectiveness of the new management practices implemented during years that site is high priority.						
Performance Measure 4.1 Update – Assess water quality results from Coalition monitoring location within the priority site subwatershed.	Summary of water quality data from Management Plan Monitoring.	MLJ-LLC	April 1, 2014 April 1, 2015	April 1, 2014 April 1, 2015	April 1, 2014 April 1, 2015	April 1, 2014 April 1, 2015
Performance Goal 5: Consult with CVRWQCB at least once to discuss Management Plan activities and consider if changes need to be made in Management Plan strategy for High Priority waterbodies.						

¹Overall irrigated direct drainage acreage for fifth priority subwatersheds comes from 2010/2011 parcel data layers.

*Contacts with growers to determine implemented practices will occur between February 1 and April 30; all information obtained by February 28th will be entered into an Access database and included in the following April 1 Management Plan Update Report; any additional information will be reported on during the quarterly meetings.