
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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REMOVAL OF MONITORING SITE SILVA DRAIN AT MEADOW DRIVE

Thank you for submitting the 4 June 2013 request to remove the monitoring site Silva Drain at Meadow Drive from the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's (Coalition) monitoring program. The rationale provided in the request is that the Silva Drain has been filled in and no longer exists, and that monitoring originally intended for the Silva Drain was actually conducted on a nearby Jones Drain which does not discharge to other surface waterbodies.

Based on the information provided in your letter, I approve the request to remove Silva Drain from the Coalition's monitoring program. Since parcels in the Silva Drain subwatershed do not discharge into the Jones Drain where exceedances of water quality were observed, management plan requirements based on those exceedances are hereby removed from Silva Drain. Instead, any surface water quality management plans for the Merced River at Santa Fe apply to Member parcels in the area previously identified as a part of the Silva Drain subwatershed.

The Coalition representatives visited the area on 23 September 2013 to investigate the subwatershed that was actually monitored, and provided additional information in a 16 October 2013 technical memorandum. As the gate downstream from the Jones Drain at Meadow Drive is never opened, preventing drainage from reaching other surface waterbodies, I approve the request to discontinue monitoring at the Jones Drain at Meadow Drive site. Additionally, this isolated reach of the Jones Drain begins and ends within one property that is enrolled in the Dairy Program, and the monitored water quality is not representative of the Coalition Members' discharge. Hence, management plans triggered by exceedances at the Jones Drain at Meadow Drive site are not required. Any surface water quality management plans for the Merced River at Santa Fe apply to Member parcels in the Jones Drain subwatershed.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Jelena Hartman at (916) 464-4628, or by e-mail at jelena.hartman@waterboards.ca.gov.

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