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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **COMPLETION OF THE pH MANAGEMENT PLAN ON POPE CREEK IN THE NAPA COUNTY-PUTAH CREEK SUBWATERSHED**

Thank you for your letter of 8 January 2013 requesting approval for completion of the pH Management Plan at Pope Creek. The basis of the request is evidence that pH near 8.5 represents typical conditions in the Pope Creek drainage, and is not caused by agricultural drainage. Based on the information provided by the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) in this request, I have determined that this pH Management Plan is complete and further actions identified in the Plan are not required.

This Management Plan was triggered by pH readings at the Coalition monitoring site above the water quality objective range (pH 6.5 – 8.5) on 1 December 2009 (pH 8.61), and 1 March 2010 (pH 8.55). Monitoring data from this location, included in the request, show that pH is often high. Supplemental monitoring from various locations within the watershed in February and April 2012 showed that elevated pH is common in tributaries of Pope Creek. In addition, there is a demonstrated high rate of best management practices adoption.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this approval, please contact Mark Cady at (916) 464-4654, or by email at [mcady@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mcady@waterboards.ca.gov).

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