

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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UPDATES TO SPECIAL PROJECT MONITORING– WESTSIDE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WATERSHED COALITION

Thank you for submitting the 9 March 2012 Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition (Coalition) letter requesting approval to update special project monitoring. The Coalition provided the updates in accordance with their Monitoring and Reporting Program Order R5-2008-0831 (MRP Order). Based on the information summarized below, I approve the Coalition’s modifications to special project monitoring sites and analytes.

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the Coalition’s rationale for modifying special project monitoring and concurs that the Coalition should remove the monitoring sites presented in Table 1 from the MRP. The first three sites are frequently dry and do not provide any monitoring data. The fourth site does not adequately represent agricultural discharges.

Table 1. Updates to Special Project Monitoring – Site Removal

Monitoring Site	Revision to MRP
Little Panoche Creek at Western Boundary	Remove site from MRP
Little Panoche Creek at San Luis Canal	Remove site from MRP
Russell Ave. Drain at San Luis Canal	Remove site from MRP
Los Banos Creek at Sunset Avenue	Remove site from MRP

Staff also concurs that the Coalition should add the following site/analytes presented in Table 2 to its monitoring schedule. Based on sampling results collected during the assessment period, monitoring for additional analytes is appropriate and will be sampled according to Table 2A which was presented in the 9 March letter.

Table 2. Updates to Special Project Monitoring - Special Study Analyte Monitoring

Monitoring Site	Toxicity				Pesticides*				
	Metals	Ceriodaphnia Toxicity	Algae Toxicity	Sediment Toxicity	OP	OC	Group A	Carbamates	Herbicides
Blewett Drain at Highway 132		x		x	x	x	x		x
Poso Slough at Indiana Avenue	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x

* Specific analytes are listed in the Assessment column of Table 5, MRP Order R5-2008-0831

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Susan Fregien at (916) 464-4813, or by E-mail at sfregien@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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