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Mr. Lois Wallace
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Dear Mr. Wallace:

Subject: Amendment to the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification (Water Quality Certification) for the Levee Repair Project

File: Reclamation District 768 - Levee Repairs (WDID No. 1A06068WNHU)

On October 10, 2007, we received a request from Mr. Stein Coriell of Oscar Larson and Associates, representing Reclamation District 768, to amend the August 8, 2007 Water Quality Certification for the Reclamation District 768 levee repair project. Mr. Coriell requested an amendment to Additional Condition 8 of the Water Quality Certification to allow construction activities to continue past October 15 this year. The amendment request also includes a minor change to the project description involving relocation of one staging area. This change is acceptable to Regional Water Board staff and does not require a specific amendment to the Additional Conditions.

Additional Condition 8 requires that all levee repair activities be conducted between April 15 and October 15 each year. An amendment was requested to allow construction activities to continue beyond October 15 on levee repair sites 1, 2, 3, 13.1, 13.2, and 13.3 during favorable weather conditions. These sites have the highest risk of failure during winter storms. Reclamation District 768 was not able to complete work on these higher risk sites prior to October 15 due to permitting delays.

In response to this request, this letter serves as an amendment to Additional Condition 8 of the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification (Water Quality Certification) for the Reclamation District 768 – Levee Repair Project as outlined below:

Additional Condition 8: Levee repair activities on sites 1, 2, 3, 13.1, 13.2, and 13.3 may be conducted after October 15, 2007, during periods of dry weather. Levee repair activities shall cease and all disturbed earth surfaces shall be stabilized within three days of a rainfall forecast with a fifty percent or greater chance for

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measurable precipitation (based on NOAA's weather website). All other levee repair activities shall be conducted between April 15 and October 15 each year.

I hereby issue an amendment to Additional Condition 8 of the August 8, 2007, Reclamation District 768 – Levee Repair Water Quality Certification Order (WDID No. 1A06068WNHU) and certify that the remainder of the Water Quality Certification sections of the Order are still valid. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dean Prat at (707) 576-2801.

Sincerely,

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Interim Executive Officer

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