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### IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

#### EAST SAN JOAQUIN WATER QUALITY COALITION MANAGEMENT PLAN

##### MEETING NOTES

2 November 2010– MEETING No. 9

(Revised on 8 November 2010)

**ATTENDEES:** Brett Stevens, Chris Jimmerson, Dania Huggins, Melissa Turner, Mike Johnson, Parry Klassen, Susan Fregien, and Wesley Ouimette.

**SUMMARY:** The last quarterly management plan meeting (qtrly MPlan mtg) occurred on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Staff facilitated this meeting, to obtain a status on some of the key MPlan components that the Coalition is currently working on.

##### ITEMS DISCUSSED

- (1) Review of 14 September 2010 qtrly MPlan mtg action items
- (2) Enforcement and membership efforts
- (3) Water quality evaluation for the 1st of high priority site\_subwatersheds
- (4) Status on 2nd four high priority site\_subwatersheds
- (5) Status on 3rd four high priority site\_subwatersheds
- (6) Next Steps – Action Items
- (7) Next Deliverable
- (8) Next qtrly MPlan mtg No 10

##### (1) REVIEW OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2010 QRTLTY MPLAN MTG ACTION ITEMS

**Purpose:** To provide a status action items from the last qtrly Mtgm Plan Mtg and determine if follow up actions are still ~~are~~-needed.

**Outcome:** All action items were completed. There was a question on the TMDL compliance with the load allocation and ~~weather-whether~~ this is applicable to the direct tributaries to the San Joaquin River. The Coalition expressed concern that additional tributary monitoring may be required by the TMDL group despite the current monitoring strategy developed for ILRP compliance. Additionally, the Coalition would like to consider the option of including the ESJWQC portion of the Annual SJR –C&D TMDL report as part of the ESJWQC Annual MPUR. The Coalition would like to discuss these two items after Staff review ~~for-of~~ the SJR C—&D TMDL report is completed.

##### (2) ENFORCEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP EFFORTS

**Purpose:** To provide a status on the outcome of the directive letter that was mailed to “Executive Officer-approved applicants” (36 on 10/5/2010) who had not yet joined the ESJWQC.

**Outcome:** Brett Stevens and Wesley Ouimette provide a brief update on the outcome of the directive letter in terms of how many people have followed up and joined the Coalition. The 36

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growers were given a time frame of 30 days and the dateline for sending a response is November 5<sup>th</sup>. For the letters that were non-delivered, the Enforcement Unit will conduct inspections. The rest of the non-responsive growers the ILRP will follow up with the necessary enforcement actions.

Regarding the coordination efforts among the Coalition and the Enforcement Unit in the third priority areas, the Coalition is planning to send certified letters to the third priority area in approximately two weeks. The intent of these letters is for growers to contact the Coalition and make an appointment for the individual survey interviews. The Coalition explained that any enforcement efforts (e.g. postcards, 13267, and so forth) will be very appropriate within that time frame. To facilitate the enforcement efforts, the Coalition agreed to share shape files for the following sites:

- Lateral 2 ½ @ Keyes Rd.
- Berenda Slough along Ave 18 ½
- Dry Creek @ Rd 18
- Livingston Drain @ Yosemite Rd

Staff from the Enforcement Unit agreed to send post cards to the third priority areas within 3 weeks from today. Staff also agreed to follow up on the possibility of sharing the most recent dairy shape files with the Coalition to facilitate any future efforts of source identification.

**Comment [MT1]:** This is not what I have in my notes; instead I have a comment that letters could not be sent out for AT LEAST 3 weeks due to the Enforcement Unit waiting for updated verbiage from the Cattleman's Association.

#### (3) WATER QUALITY EVALUATION FOR THE 1ST OF HIGH PRIORITY SITESUBWATERSHEDS

**Purpose:** To provide a status on water quality evaluation (PG 4) for the high and low priority management plan constituents.

**Outcome:** The Coalition expressed concern as to when they could exit management plan status. For example, given that the grower membership is very dynamic, a new member who is not involved in the Coalition's efforts and has not been contacted could be the cause of a single exceedance in one of the priority areas. Staff explained that having a single exceedance will be a red flag in Coalition's monitoring results. Staff agreed to do some future follow up to see if there is another alternative or an "off ramp."

#### (4) STATUS ON 2ND FOUR HIGH PRIORITY SITESUBWATERSHEDS

**Purpose:** To provide a status on Performance Goal 3. Encourage growers to implement additional management practices based on water quality results.

**Outcome:** Surveys with recommended management practices have been completed and summaries will be provided in the Annual MPUR (April 2011).

#### (5) STATUS ON 3RD FOUR HIGH PRIORITY SITESUBWATERSHEDS

**Purpose:** To provide a status on Performance Goal 1. Individually contact members on adjacent properties to waterways where discharges have been identified to fill out surveys.

**Outcome:** The Coalition explained that ~~all they are working on the maps for the individual surveys are completed~~ survey packets for the 3<sup>rd</sup> priority subwatersheds and anticipate having all of the packets ready by the first week of December. They are contacting a total of 83 growers as described below:

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- Lateral 2 ½ @ Keyes Rd. → 26 growers
- Berenda Slough along Ave 18 ½ → 18 growers
- Dry Creek @ Rd 18 → 28 growers
- Livingston Drain @ Yosemite Rd → 11 growers

~~The interviews are planned to be completed earlier than expected and planned (November and December of 2010). Due to the large number of growers for which surveys need to be completed, the Coalition is hoping to start interviews in December which is earlier than in previous years.~~

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(7) NEXT DELIVERABLES

**Purpose:** To provide a status on the next set of deliverables

**Outcome:** Staff has two deliverables pending:

- Response to Management Plan prioritization update request (submitted on 10/12/2010)
- Response to MRP Plan amendment (submitted on 10/20/2010)

(8) NEXT STEPS

The following is a summary of the action items identified as part of the meeting outcome.

Regional Board

- a. Send post cards to the third high priority areas by the week of **November 15<sup>th</sup>** (Item 2, page 2).
- b. Follow up on the possibility of sharing the most recent dairy shape files (Item 2, page 2).
- c. Follow up to see if there is another alternative or an "off ramp" for future single exceedances in the priority areas (Item 3, page 2).
- d. Response to Management Plan prioritization update request (submitted on 10/12/2010).
- e. Response to MRP Plan amendment (submitted on 10/20/2010)

**Comment [MT2]:** This is not correct because they need to have the shape files from us and I know that we did not promise to have those completed by that date. I would change this to AFTER the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>.

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- a. Provide shape files of the non-members for the 4 sites in the third priority **area subwatersheds** (Item 2, page 2).

(9) NEXT ESJWQC QUARTERLY MEETING ==> **Staff is still coordinating this mtg**