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Dear Perry + Wayne  
received your letter - let me  
know the parcel - roads etc  
so I can take care of the matter.

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or letter

Elton Davis



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Elvin Davis  
Davis Diversified Farms  
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Dear Elvin Davis;

You are receiving this letter because our ESJWQC membership records indicate that you own or operate a parcel adjacent to the San Joaquin River or one of its numerous tributaries.

Many years of finding Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos (Lorsban, NuPhos, etc.) in the San Joaquin River has prompted the Regional Water Board to adopt a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for those insecticides in the river. The attached letter from the Regional Water Board defines a TMDL and its basis in California water law.

As required by the TMDL, the ESJWQC and Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition began sampling at six locations along the river in 2010 and found one exceedance of the standard for Chlorpyrifos. Suffice to say, if our sampling continues to find either insecticide above the TMDL limits, use of these products in the future could be severely limited, if not effectively banned.

We are NOT asking you to discontinue using either Diazinon or Chlorpyrifos for pest management in your crops. However, we are requesting that you take the utmost care when applying the products to fields that have irrigation or storm drainage to the river or its tributaries or that are close enough where spray drift could reach the waterways.

The Regional Water Board is currently developing TMDLs for numerous other pesticides. If you switch from Chlorpyrifos or Diazinon to another pesticide but still drain or drift into the river, you can likely expect to someday be receiving a letter notifying you of a TMDL for that insecticide. Using practices that reduce drift and drainage of ANY pesticide is the best way to protect the water quality in the San Joaquin River and its tributaries.

Please share this letter with your PCA or any neighbors who are not members of the coalition.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either of us.

Sincerely,

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