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IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

EAST SAN JOAQUIN WATER QUALITY COALITION MANAGEMENT PLAN

MEETING NOTES

2 November 2011– MEETING No. 13

ATTENDEES: Chris Jimmerson, Susan Fregien, Parry Klassen, Mike Johnson, and Melissa Turner.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

- (1) Prairie Flower Drain at Crows Landing 8/9/11 Sampling Event Follow Up
- (2) ESJ Waste Discharge Requirements
- (3) Performance Goals
- (4) ESJ and Westside SJR Chlorpyrifos/Diazinon TMDL Decision Tree
- (5) Next Steps

Before the meeting, the Coalition distributed handouts to staff. These included site subwatershed maps that show member and non-member parcels, High Priority Performance Goal sets 1, 2, 3, and 4 status updates, Performance Goal summary, and Management Plan monitoring report summary table.

(1) Prairie Flower Drain at Crows Landing 8/9/11 Sampling Event Follow Up

Outcome: Prior to this meeting, staff requested that the Coalition follow up with the 13.0 ug/L Carbaryl exceedance from the 9 August 2011 sampling event. The water quality objective is 2.53 ug/L. The Coalition tracked the source to a grower from information gathered at one of their meetings with PCAs. The grower's PCA recommended carbaryl rather than chlorpyrifos because of the previous chlorpyrifos exceedances within this subwatershed. The Coalition explained to the PCA that substituting one pesticide for another is not a solution and that the grower needs to explore additional management practices to eliminate runoff of pesticides in irrigation return water. To resolve the issue, the Coalition indicated that it would investigate if Proposition 84 grant money could be available for the grower to install a recirculation system. The Coalition will also continue to emphasize at its grower meetings that substituting one pesticide for another is not a solution to the exceedances.

(2) ESJ Waste Discharge Requirements

Outcome: Staff explained that the posted Waste Discharge Requirements Order time line for the internal draft (due 24 October 2011) will need to be pushed to mid-November. The posted schedules are internal schedules and may be revised as necessary. However, the 7 June 2012 hearing date will remain. A meeting to discuss the Coalition's comments on the draft surface water portion of the MRP Order has been scheduled for November 29, 2011.

(3) Performance Goals

Outcome: Referring to the Performance Goal handouts, the Coalition completed its Performance Goal schedules for High Priority Goal sets 1 and 2. The Coalition is on schedule with sets 3 and 4.

The Coalition indicated that it will send notification letters to growers that have not responded to the surveys. The letters will include language that will terminate their membership if they do not respond. The names of growers that are terminated will be provided to the Central Valley Water Board for enforcement.

The Coalition reported that copper exceedances within Cottonwood Creek may be due to irrigation district copper applications to the canals for algae control.

The Coalition provided site subwatershed maps displaying member and non-member parcels, and dairy parcels. Some parcels that are part of the dairy program are also member parcels. The Coalition indicated that some non-member parcels may not need to enroll with the Coalition because the land is fallow or not irrigated.

(4) ESJ and Westside SJR Chlorpyrifos/Diazinon TMDL Decision Tree

Outcome: The TMDL Decision Tree is under management review. Staff explained that the goal is to combine the TMDL Decision Tree and the staff recommended monitoring schedule together. Staff plans to provide comments on the TMDL Decision Tree and monitoring schedule by the end of November. The Coalition has not yet reviewed the staff recommended monitoring schedule.

(5) Next Steps

- Next ESJWQC quarterly meeting → March 1, 2012, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM