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June 2, 2004

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

Attention: Mr. Thomas R. Pinkos, Executive Officer

Re: Amendment to East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition Notice of Intent, Resolution No. R5-2003-0105, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands

Dear Mr. Pinkos:

The East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) submits the following amendments to our Notice of Intent submitted on November 1, 2003.

The amendments in brief:

- Expand the Coalition membership area to include Madera County;
- List additional participating entities in Madera County;
- Provide timeline for completing additions to Watershed Use Report and Monitoring and Reporting Plan covering Madera County.

Membership Area

The Coalition is seeking to add Madera County and irrigated crop land in the county to its coverage area (those lands outside of the Root Creek Coalition subwatershed). The Coalition area currently includes irrigated farmlands encompassed by the lower Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mariposa and Merced River sub-watersheds (primary eastside tributaries to the San Joaquin River) and that fall into Stanislaus, Mariposa, Merced and Tuolumne counties and portions of Calaveras County.

Participating Entities

The following participating entities from Madera County have agreed to cooperate with Coalition activities:

- Madera County Farm Bureau;
- Madera County Agricultural Commissioner;
- Chowchilla Irrigation District;
- Natural Resource Conservation Service, Madera

Watershed Evaluation Report, Monitoring and Reporting Plan

The Coalition is currently developing information to amend our previously submitted WER / MRP to include cropping information and monitoring sites pertinent to Madera County irrigated agriculture. We anticipate submitting this information for review to the Regional Water Board on or before June 21, 2004.

We look forward to working with you to address any questions you may have regarding this amendment. Feel free to contact us at the numbers below for additional information.

Sincerely,



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