

Closing Statements – Central Coast Agricultural Community



3rd Party/Coalition Audit Provisions

- Goal: Ensure that the Audit Process is Objective & Based on Sound, Technical Information



Additions to Address Goal

- Must Establish Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - Professionals, Technical Experts, Limited # of Growers
 - Assist in Developing Audit Process
- Must Develop Audit Review Process
- Must Establish Public Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - State Agencies, Local Agencies, Public, Ag
 - Review Annual Aggregate Reports & Make Recommendations



Groundwater Assessment, Monitoring & Reporting Provisions

- Goals:
 - Assess Status of Groundwater Quality and Associated Beneficial Uses
 - Provide Feedback to Growers in Areas of Concern (i.e., not meeting relevant water quality objectives)



Additions to Address Goals

- Establish Cooperative Monitoring Program for Groundwater
- Dischargers Would Elect to Participate (i.e., similar to surface water cooperative monitoring program)
- Coordinate with Existing Groundwater Monitoring Programs (e.g., local, DPR)



Recommendations

- Direct Staff to Further Incorporate 3rd Party/Coalition Alternative As Proposed, Including:
 - Alternative to Tier 2 & Tier 3 Requirements
 - Alternative to Individual Edge-of-Farm Monitoring
 - Accountability Through Audits & Aggregate Reporting
- Direct Staff to Incorporate Cooperative Monitoring Program for Groundwater

