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Subject: Fw: CCRWQB Request for Public Comments on Draft Agricultural Order dated November 19, 2010 (Out of office)

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From: "Angela Schroeter" <ASchroeter@waterboards.ca.gov>
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Subject: Re: CCRWQB Request for Public Comments on Draft Agricultural Order dated November 19, 2010 (Out of office)

I will be out of the office from December 24 - January 2. For assistance during this time, please contact Lisa McCann at (805) 549-3132 or lmccann@waterboards.ca.gov. If the matter is urgent, please contact the receptionist at (805) 549-3147.

If you are submitting comments on the Agricultural Order, please note that comments are due by January 3, 2011. Comments should be submitted via email at: AgOrder@waterboards.ca.gov or sent by mail to the address below. Information on the Agricultural Order is on our website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast.

Thank you

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Dear Ms Schroeter:

As I live outside of CA at this time, but still own AG land in Templeton, I am very concerned about Waste Discharge Requirements on Irrigated Lands!

My property has been used for several varieties of crops over the years, with no run off due to "intelligent" farming practices!

I am concerned with the new rules, that future farming will be too expensive, thus STOPPING farming in my area.

I have been following the progress of this Board's renewal of the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands ("Ag Order") and am concerned with staff's draft Ag Order. The draft Ag Order will negatively impact my ability to continue producing. The draft Ag Order contains many undefined and potentially highly impractical requirements for agricultural operations.

There is no mention of any geology or soil types related to well nitrate loads or groundwater percolation. Water tables are generally fluid in nature and water percolating from one farm may not directly attribute to the underlying water table nitrate load.

I urge the Board to listen to growers' feedback and suggestions, including mine, and incorporate that feedback into the draft Ag Order. Any future Ag Order must be designed with achievable objectives and must be a transparent and collaborative process that utilizes agricultural stakeholders. Loss of grower cooperation will be counterproductive to improving water quality.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Lynn Miller
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