

Adam Laputz - testing

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Subject: testing

Dear Mr. Laputz,

We are small commercial ranchers north of Lincoln and a member of the Placer-Nevada-South Sutter-North Sacramento Subwatershed Group (PNSSAS, one of ten subwatersheds under the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition SVWQC). For 7 years, our 600 ranchers and farmers have spent \$300,000 on agriculture water monitoring to comply with the current ILRP. For 7 years our waters have tested clean. For 7 years, we have proven that we are a low threat watershed. Now you are asking each individual farmer to electronically submit our farm information directly to you, bypassing PNSSNS, which was originally formed to keep costs low and to allow farmers and ranchers some control of our regulatory destiny. This absurd proposal will undermine our years of effort to comply with the ILRP via the local coalition and its outreach and education to our members and local agencies. Your proposal will alienate the PNSSNS coalition leadership from our membership. Certainly, this requirement will ratchet up regulatory creep on our low-threat complying members. In low-threat areas like PNSSNS, there is no justification for this level of increased regulatory action.

Public accessed electronic databases containing individual farm and ranch information and maps will subject us to potential security issues and data abuse/misuse. Without a doubt, the Regional Board will spend far more on an electronic data gathering system than it is worth. **PLEASE DO NOT REQUIRE ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF INDIVIDUAL FARM OR RANCH INFORMATION.** We joined the group because we didn't know how to comply by ourselves.

Thank you,

Dwight & Vivian Martin