

**Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
Board Meeting – 1/2 October 2015**

Response to Written Comments for

**Kern Ridge Growers, LLC
and
Larry R. Cox and Joan W. Cox
As Trustees of the Cox Family Trust of 2004
DiGiorgio Facility
Kern County
Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements**

At a public hearing scheduled for 1/2 October 2015, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Kern Ridge Growers, LLC and Larry R. Cox and Joan W. Cox, as Trustees of the Cox Family Trust, (hereafter "Dischargers") DiGiorgio carrot processing facility in Arvin. This document contains responses to written comments received from interested parties regarding the tentative WDRs circulated on 22 July 2015. Written comments from interested parties were required by public notice to be received by the Central Valley Water Board by 5:00 pm on 24 August 2015 to receive full consideration. Written comments on the tentative WDRs were received from REED International LTD, on behalf of the Dischargers, on 21 August 2015. Written comments are summarized below, followed by the responses of Central Valley Water Board staff. Based on the comments, Central Valley Water Board staff did make some changes to the tentative WDRs.

REED INTERNATIONAL LTD COMMENTS

Comment No. 1: Land Application Area Specifications

Because of the lack of rain in the region and since rainfall runoff collected at the Facility is comingled with discharge from the facility to the land application area (LAA), the Dischargers requested Land Application Area Specification D.7 to be revised as follows:

The Discharger may not discharge process wastewater to the LAA when ~~it is raining or when~~ soils are saturated.

RESPONSE: Land Application Area Specification D.7 has been revised as requested.