

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Central Valley Regional Water
Quality Control Board
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RE: Comments to EIR economic analysis of the Long Tern Irrigated Lands
Program (ILP)

Dear CVRWQCB:

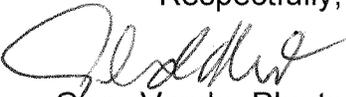
The Penn Valley Fire Protection District covers 92 square miles in the southwest portion of Nevada County. Wildland fires are the greatest risk to lives, property and the environment.

Any steps taken to reduce the threat of a catastrophic wildland fire interfacing with homes and other structures is vital. One of the most practical and important actions that is very effective in reducing the risk if vegetation management. Irrigated lands accomplish that task and provide us with a break in the fuels and an opportunity to make a stand to stop a wildfire.

We ask that you provide the conditions that will allow farmers to continue to irrigate their land, providing them with an opportunity to support their families, provide the produce and meat for the citizens and, most importantly from our perspective, provide a greenbelt (safe zone) from where our firefighters can do their job safely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Gene Vander Plaats
Fire Chief, PVFPD

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