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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: David Sholes
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706-2007

Re: Tulare Lake Basin Area Draft Water Discharge Requirements from Irrigated Lands Request for Extension of Time

Dear Mr. Sholes:

The Board of Supervisors for the County of Kings respectfully requests an extension of the 45 day public comment period on the proposed general order governing the Tulare Lake Basin Area Draft Water Discharge Requirements from Irrigated Lands. Considering the significant length of the proposed "Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Members of a Third-Party Group within the Tulare Lake Basin, Excluding the Area of the Westlands Stormwater Coalition", that this is the first comprehensive attempt to regulate groundwater quality within the Tulare Lake Basin through the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, and that there is much uncertainty regarding the economic impacts of the proposed regulation as cost estimates have varied from approximately $21 to $165 per acre, the County would appreciate additional time to engage members of the agricultural and water community of Kings County to participate in the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's process for adopting the order and provide comments on the effects of the proposed order.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for extension.

Sincerely,

Richard Fagundes
Chairman