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RE: Draft WDRs and MRP for Discharges from Irrigated Lands in Kern County

Dear Mr. Sholes:

The Kern County Farm Bureau (KCFB) is vitally interested in the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition's efforts in the development of the draft waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and a draft monitoring and reporting program (MRP) for discharges from irrigated lands within Kern County.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff will consider written comments on the draft WDRs and MRP submitted by August 10, 2012. Considering the dramatic economic repercussions this ruling may have on Kern County agriculture, the complexity of the program documents including the analysis of the monitoring and reporting requirements, and the shear scope of the geographic area and outreach required of the proposed covered members and commodities, KCFB has concluded the August 10 deadline does not allow sufficient time to prepare comprehensive comments. Therefore, we respectfully request an extension at least until September 30, 2012, or preferably longer.

In our judgment, this extension will also allow a more robust comment submittal that would take into consideration issues addressed at the August 21, 2012 Board hearing in Tulare. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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