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August 2, 2012

Ms. Pamela Creedon
Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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RE: Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Water Discharge Requirements for the Tulare Lake Basin

Dear Ms. Creedon:

I would like to begin by commending the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Board) and staff for the work it is conducting on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program's development of the Water Discharge Requirements. Given the importance of the Water Discharge Requirements in the district that I have the honor of representing, I have a strong interest in following the Central Valley Board's work as the draft Water Discharge Requirements for the Tulare Lake Basin area is developed.

It is my understanding that the Central Valley Water Board has set a deadline of August 10, 2012 for submission of public comment, and that staff will gather and review the comments for the August 21st Board workshop. While I appreciate the Board's efforts in setting deadlines that will provide staff enough time to review the public comments, I am concerned that a 30-day public comment period is inadequate for all interested parties to make meaningful comments given the complexity and the scope of the geographic region.

I respectfully request that the Central Valley Board extend the public comment period to September 30, 2012, which will provide a greater opportunity for interested parties to review in-depth and provide a comprehensive analysis during this time, while not jeopardizing staff's ability to review before the February 2013 adoption deadline. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact my Fresno office at (559) 264-3070.

Sincerely,

Michael Rubio

Michael J. Rubio
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cc: Dr. Karl Longley, Chair, Central Valley Board