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ITEM 4. Consideration of Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Tulare Lake Basin Area that are Members of a Third-Party Group

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

Revisions to Finding 12 are shown below in underline/strikeout.

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The Tulare Lake Basin Area has approximately 2.89 million acres of cropland under irrigation⁴ and approximately 10,700 growers⁵ with “waste discharges from irrigated lands,” as defined in Attachment E to this Order. Currently, approximately 350,000 acres are regulated under the Water Board’s General Order for Existing Milk Cow Dairies (R5-2007-0035) and 1.04 million acres are regulated under the Coalition Group Conditional Waiver. Approximately 7,200 new growers and an additional 850,000~~1,500,000~~ associated irrigated acres will require regulatory coverage under this Order or other WDRs or waivers. Small Farming Operations are those with a total farming operation that comprises less than 60 acres of irrigated land. In counties within the Tulare Lake Basin Area, Small Farming Operations are operated by approximately 58 percent of the growers, but account for approximately 4.6 percent of the total irrigated lands.⁶