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## State Water Resources Control Board

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**[via U.S. Mail and email]**

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Dear Ms. Firestone:

PETITION OF ASOCIACIÓN DE GENTE UNIDA POR EL AGUA AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FOUNDATION (REISSUED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS GENERAL ORDER NO. R5-2013-0122 FOR EXISTING MILK COW DAIRIES), CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD: APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO PLACE EXISTING ACTIVE PETITION IN ABEYANCE  
**SWRCB/OCC FILE A-2283(b)**

Pursuant to your request, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has placed this active petition into abeyance. We will hold the petition in abeyance until December 15, 2017. Please pay careful attention to this date, because the State Water Board is not responsible for reminding petitioners that their abeyance periods are about to expire. If the State Water Board does not receive prior to 5:00 p.m. on the last business day before December 15, 2017 either (1) a written request to further extend the abeyance period, or (2) a written request to remove the petition from abeyance and reactivate the petition, then this petition will be deemed withdrawn as of December 15, 2017. If the petition is deemed withdrawn, you will not be able to seek judicial review of the regional water quality control board's action or inaction. Requests to extend abeyance periods or to remove petitions from abeyance should be sent to [waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov) or to the mailing address below. A copy of the request must be sent to the other parties to the petition, including the regional water quality control board.

If you decide that you would like to remove this petition from abeyance and reactivate it at some time in the future, it is important that you carefully consult the State Water Board's regulations. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2050.5, subd. (g).) This petition was originally received on November 4, 2013. Therefore, absent your request to place the petition in abeyance, the petition could have been dismissed by operation of law on January 1, 2016. This date is tolled due to your request to place the petition in abeyance. Your request to place the petition in abeyance was received on December 15, 2015. Therefore, if you later request that this petition be removed from abeyance and reactivated, the petition will be dismissed on the 17th day following the State Water Board's receipt of your written request to remove the petition from abeyance unless:

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- (1) the State Water Board has notified you, the regional water quality control board and interested persons that the regional water quality control board and interested persons have 30 days to respond to the petition;
- (2) the State Water Board has received a written request from you to place this petition back in abeyance; or
- (3) the State Water Board has notified you that the petition is dismissed.

If none of these events occurs prior to 5:00 p.m. on the last business day before the 17<sup>th</sup> day after the State Water Board receives your written request to remove the petition from abeyance, this petition will be automatically dismissed without further action by the State Water Board. Dismissal of a petition, whether done by operation of law or by a letter issued by the State Water Board, is a final agency action for purposes of seeking judicial review of the regional water quality control board's action or inaction.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 341-5178.

**IN ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE, PLEASE REFER TO  
SWRCB/OCC FILE A-2283(B)**

Sincerely,



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