

**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

**DISCLOSURE FORM EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING PENDING GENERAL ORDERS**

**1. Pending General Order that the communication concerned:** Ag Order 4.0

**2. Name, title and contact information of person completing this form:**

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**3. Date of meeting, phone call or other communication:**

Date/Time: 12/18/20, 3:30pm

**4. Type of communication (written, oral or both):** email

**5. Names of all participants in the communication, including all board members who participated:**

Sarah Lopez and (separately) Board Chair Wolfe, Board Member Gray, Board Member Hunter, Board Member Johnston, Board Member Young.

**6. Name of person(s) who initiated the communication:** Sarah Lopez

**7. Describe the communication and the content of the communication.**

Individual email communicating that Preservation, Inc. is piloting 3 Third Party implementation programs based on Draft 4.0 provisions (Surface Water Follow-Up; Groundwater Trend Monitoring; A-R Data Management/Reporting). Growers have contributed hundreds of hours of time to vet programs/concepts for feasibility. Preservation, Inc. hopes these efforts can help inform the 4.0 adoption and Third Party designation process.

**8. Attach a copy of handouts, PowerPoint presentations and other materials any person used or distributed at the meeting. If you have electronic copies, please email them to facilitate web posting.**

A copy of the email is attached.

Dear Water Board Member,

Thank you for planning to discuss Third Party involvement in Ag Order 4.0 at your January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Preservation, Inc. is actively exploring and/or already piloting three implementation programs:

- 1) Surface Water Follow-Up
- 2) Regional-scale Groundwater Trend Monitoring
- 3) A-R Data Management & Reporting

We are also hosting a monthly “Brown Bag” discussion forum on Third Party implementation of the Ag Order for interested stakeholders (conservation partners, growers, agencies, etc). Through these pilots and discussions, we have an increasingly detailed understanding of what will be necessary to implement 4.0 as drafted. This includes literally hundreds of hours of vetting by growers for feasibility and buy-in. We would welcome any opportunities for this understanding to help inform the Order adoption and Third Party designation processes.

I am available to answer questions or for further discussion, before/during/after the January 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> RWQCB meeting. Please feel free to contact me if I can be helpful.

Sincerely,

*Sarah G. Lopez*

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