



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

29 October 2026

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PROPOSED CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, BORGES FARMS, 5148 WEST GRAYSON ROAD, MODESTO, STANISLAUS COUNTY, WID 5B50NC00117

Dear Mr. Borges,

Thank you for your timely feedback and working with Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff to resolve this matter. The stipulated agreement for the Cease and Desist Order (CDO) was signed by our Assistant Executive Officer on 16 October 2026, and by you on 21 October 2026. We were also notified that Kathryn Wilkins will assume consulting responsibilities moving forward for this project and she is copied on this letter.

As a next step, the CDO will be posted to our website and circulated to interested parties for a 30-day public comment period. If substantive comments are received, we may need to meet again to discuss the comments, determine whether any revisions to the CDO are warranted, and consider potential modifications. As of now, we anticipate presenting the CDO to the Regional Board for adoption as a Stipulated CDO in February 2027. The anticipated date for the Board meeting is February 11/12.

If no substantial public comments are received the Prosecution Team will request the item be on the Regional Board's consent calendar, and thus not require any hearing. If the item is not on the consent calendar, Regional Board staff will present the proposed CDO and recommend that the Board adopt the CDO. Staff will be there to answer any questions from Board Members or members of the public. We recommend someone representing the dairy attend, either virtually or in person, in the event that Board members have additional questions. Following the hearing, the Board will consider the proposed Order. If adopted, the CDO will become effective immediately.

Even though February is a few months away, we encourage you to use this time wisely and work towards meeting the requirements of the CDO, so that, once it takes effect, you will have already made significant progress toward compliance. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,



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Proposed Stipulated Cease and Desist Order
Signed Stipulation for Entry of CDO

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