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## **Central Valley Water Board's Irrigated Land Regulatory Program Issues Orders to Kern River Sub-Watershed Growers**

Fresno -- On December 31 the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer issued orders to 681 landowners and growers in the Kern River Sub-Watershed of the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition requiring them to certify whether or not their irrigated lands have the potential to discharge irrigation return flow or stormwater runoff to a surface water of the State

Water Quality Coalitions address water quality issues for their members, as required by waste discharge regulations.

The landowners and growers receiving Orders this week own or control irrigated lands that appeared on the Coalition's list of participants in 2007, but were removed from the list in 2008. The Orders also require that the landowners and growers identify how they will seek regulatory coverage for any of the removed irrigated lands that have a potential to discharge into surface water. Failure to respond to an Order can result in fines of up to \$1,000 per day.

Over 28,000 growers, who discharge or have the potential to discharge to surface waters, are participating in the Central Valley Water Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. These growers and landowners have joined local water quality coalitions like the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition, which work cooperatively with the Central Valley Water Board to aid growers in resolving water quality problems.

For information on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program please visit:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/irrigated\\_lands/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/).