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REQUEST FOR COALITION GROUP MEMBERSHIP LIST


By letter dated 26 August 2005 I requested from Coalition Groups their membership document by 26 September 2005. By letter dated 30 August 2005, signed by Board Chair Bob Schneider and Board Member Al Brizard, I was requested to consider rescinding my letter and to meet with staff and coalition group representatives to resolve the concerns raised by my letter.

On 14 September 2005, Mr. Schneider and Mr. Brizard chaired a meeting with coalition representatives and Board senior program staff to discuss issues of membership lists and participation in the irrigated lands waiver program.

After serious and thoughtful consideration to this matter, I have decided not to rescind my letter, but rather to extend the date for compliance to 1 November 2005. This extension will allow time for coalition representatives to meet with staff to discuss alternatives for providing the necessary information and to evaluate any unique circumstances that may affect the ability of, or the need for, any given coalition to comply. In addition, if necessary, I will place the topic of membership lists as an item on the agenda for the Regional Board meeting scheduled for 20-21 October 2005. This will allow the full Board, at that time, to hear the issues surrounding this matter and provide direction to me and to staff on the manner by which they want us to proceed.

On a related matter, I had also requested in my letter information regarding growers that have been contacted and or informed about the Conditional Waiver Program. I am deleting this item from my request and this information does not need to be submitted.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to either Ken Landau, Assistant Executive Officer, at (916) 464-4839, or to Bill Croyle, Irrigated Lands Program Manager, at (916) 464-4848.


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cc: Regional Board Members,
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