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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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Attention: Mark Cady

Re: Comments on the Tentative Sacramento Valley Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR)

Dear Mr. Cady,

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the reference document. The El Dorado County Farm Bureau represents over 300 member families who will be affected by the Tentative WDR on their irrigated agricultural lands.

- 1. Surface Water Monitoring.** We appreciate the Board including an opportunity for reduced surface water monitoring based on having a lower potential for surface water quality impacts. Our Pilot Management Practices Program includes practices that have been identified to be specifically applicable to our crops and our growers' use has been verified annually.
- 2. Administrative & Cost Burdens.** The administrative burden of adding new member data and reporting requirements adds expenses that must be borne by our growers. This imposes a disproportionate burden on the small farms and ranches that populate El Dorado County. We believe the economic affect on our growers is understated.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the Regional Board and the El Dorado Subwatershed to develop a program that will provide groundwater protections without sacrificing the economic viability of El Dorado County's small family farms and ranches.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Davies".

James E. Davies, President

cc: Bruce Houdesheldt, Sacramento Valley Regional Water Quality Coalition  
Pamela Creedon, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Carolyn Mansfield, El Dorado County Agricultural Water Quality Management Corporation  
Kari Fisher, California Farm Bureau Federation  
Dr. Karl Longley, Chairman, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

*Protect, promote, and enhance the economic opportunities and long-term viability  
for El Dorado County farmers, ranchers, and foresters.*