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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition  
1201 L Street  
Modesto, CA 95354

### ***APPROVAL OF THE EAST SAN JOAQUIN WATER QUALITY COALITION'S PROXIMITY TO SURFACE WATER WORKPLAN PHASE ONE AND PHASE TWO***

Thank you for submitting the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's (Coalition) 24 March Phase One Work Plan and the 24 June Phase Two Work Plan for addressing potential sediment discharges from parcels adjacent to water bodies that were not identified in the Sediment Discharge and Erosion Assessment Report (SDEAR).

The 1 December 2015 Work Plan included a process for identifying members adjacent to water bodies that had not previously been identified in the SDEAR. These parcels were not originally required to complete a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan (SECP), but due to their proximity to surface water may still pose a risk of discharging sediments. The process involves reviewing member parcels to determine if one of the following conditions is present:

1. The Parcel is below the level of the adjacent surface water body or a hydraulic barrier (berm, levee, or elevated roadway) is between the surface water and the parcel.
2. The parcel has riparian vegetation that would prohibit sediment discharges or erosion.

If one of these two conditions exists, the parcel would be exempt from the SECP requirement. The Work Plan was conditionally approved with the requirement that the Coalition will properly vet the parcels proposed for SECP exemption to ensure that none have discharge mechanisms that could circumvent an elevation difference or hydraulic barrier, and that the coalition will define the acceptable criteria for the types and width of riparian vegetation considered adequate to prevent sediment discharge.

The methodology for identifying parcels adjacent to water bodies that require development of a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan are specified in the Coalition's Phase One and Phase Two Work Plans and in the enclosed Staff Memorandum. The Coalition will identify parcels that do not have the potential for sediment discharge based on mapping of both federal and non-federal levees along the water bodies; these parcels will not require an SECP. The Coalition will also send postcards requesting information from other members with parcels adjacent to water bodies. If the member provides evidence that they meet one of the two conditions above, those parcels will not require a SECP. All other members with parcels on waterbodies will be required

to prepare and certify a SECP according to the schedule shown in Table 1. Based on this information, the requirements of the Conditional Approval have been met and I approve the Coalition's Phase One and Phase Two Work Plans.

In the Coalition's next Annual Report, please include a clear accounting of the parcels identified and exempted through these Work Plans.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Wesley Ouimette at [Wesley.Ouimette@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Wesley.Ouimette@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 464-4667.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By:*

Pamela C. Creedon  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Staff Review of the Phase One and Two Surface Water Proximity Work Plans

Table 1. Due dates for members to submit a SECP if required

<b>Work Plan</b>	<b>SECP Due Date</b>
Phase One: Large Tributaries	28 February 2017
Phase Two: Secondary Tributaries	28 February 2018
Phase Three: Remaining Waterbodies	28 February 2019