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## **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND DELTA WATER QUALITY COALITION - 21 JANUARY 2007 SEMI-ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT**

The San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) submitted the Semi-Annual Monitoring Report (SAMR) on 21 January 2007 to meet the conditions of Conditional Waiver Order No. R5-2006-0053 and Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. R5-2005-0833 (MRP).

Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) acknowledges the improvements since the last June 2006 SAMR submittal, including submittal of maps and tables. These are very helpful with tracking the Coalition's progress towards meeting the conditions of the MRP. Other improvements facilitate the tracking of Exceedance and Communication Reports. The SAMR review conducted by staff is detailed in the attached memorandum. Important considerations include the following:

1. Data reporting errors. Staff has noted several data reporting errors or inconsistencies. Please provide Staff with amended sections to the SAMR by **30 June 2007**.
2. Documentation for grower outreach. The Coalition seems to rely heavily on the grower outreach approach to resolve water quality problems. Because this is the case, it is critical that more detailed documentation regarding grower outreach efforts be included in the next SAMR. Documentation should include meeting or contact dates and times, number of grower participants, and outreach materials that were utilized. This type of detailed information should be submitted with each SAMR.
3. Management Practice Implementation. Implementation of management practices (MPs) and determination of MP effectiveness to protect or improve water quality are key to an effective Coalition MRP Plan. The Coalition has reported exceedances, many of which meet the frequency criteria for the development of a Management Plan. To address Management Plan requirements, it is critical that the Coalition report on existing MPs, provide

information on additional MPs added to address the exceedances, and report on the effectiveness of this implementation. This information must be provided with each SAMR, or with an approved Management Plan reporting schedule.

Staff looks forward to continued cooperation with the Coalition through improvements to the SAMR reporting and through effective implementation of the Management Plans. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this letter or the attached memorandum they can be addressed at the next quarterly meeting, scheduled for **June 2007**, or by contacting Chris Jimmerson at (916) 464-4859 or [cjimmerson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:cjimmerson@waterboards.ca.gov).

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