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JUNE 2007 SEMI-ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT - SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND DELTA WATER QUALITY COALITION

Thank you for the timely submittal of the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) Semi-Annual Monitoring Report (SAMR). This SAMR was received by the Central Valley Region staff (Staff) on 30 June 2007. Staff has also completed a review (enclosed with this letter) of the document for compliance with Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Order No. R5-2005-0833.

The consistency and the quality with which the Coalition's SAMRs are developed and submitted is worth recognizing at this time. In particular, the submittal of monitoring data in SWAMP comparable database format and the Coalition's participation in the Technical Issues Committee through Mike Johnson and Melissa Turner are appreciated. Both efforts have been very helpful toward the development of Zone Reports that were presented at a Board meeting in August 2007 and for development of the Tentative Coalition Group MRP which will soon be presented to our Board members for approval.

Additionally, Staff has noted several improvements in the Coalition's SAMR including the following:

- Submittal of current pesticide use information that is coordinated with the timing of water quality sampling
- Improved tabulation of monitoring and quality control data that elucidates the high quality work being produced by the Coalition's laboratory(ies)
- Correct use of exceedance trigger for total dissolved solids tests
- Improved documentation and tabulation of outreach activities
- Consistent and correct application of follow-up to toxicity exceedances through toxicity identification evaluations

Staff did identify some areas that require more attention, which include the need to submit a BOD Analysis study that the Coalition intended to complete in October, and continued monitoring of the *E. coli* at Mokelumne River @ Bruella site, until an MRP Plan revision with technical justification for the removal is requested and approved. Other minor errors and

omissions are identified in the attached Staff Review. It will be appropriate for you to work with Chris Jimmerson in resolving these items.

The Coalition has been proactive in the development of TIC recommendations for the Tentative MRP that will be going before our Board in January, and in working with Staff in the development of Management Plans. It is anticipated that through this continued cooperation, an exemplary and very effective MRP Plan for the Coalition can be generated and implemented.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the review, or need any further information, please contact Chris Jimmerson at (916) 464-4859.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margie Read".

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Enclosure: Staff Review of SJCDWQC SAMR