(1/23/18) Board Meeting A-2239(a)-(c) Deadline: 12/22/17 by 12 noon

SHASTA COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 494143 REDDING, CA 96049-2401

Date: November 27, 2017

What Fish

To: State Water Resources Control Board

From: Shasta County Cattleman's Association.

Re: Changes to Irrigated Lands Program on Nitrogen

The Shasta County Cattleman's Association represents members who irrigate permanent pasture and hay lands for the feeding and production of beef cattle. We would like to take this time to protest the consideration of the changes to the "East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR). Our objections are to the order becoming "PRECEDENTIAL".

California is a huge and diverse state with many watersheds that have unique and different issues. Developing rules that would regulate every watershed similarly (i.e., *one size fits all*) is not justified nor is it practical. Not all irrigators even use nitrogen to fertilize their hay or pastures. We are of a particular concern about the requirement to monitor wells, based upon costs to do so when a nitrogen problem has not been identified nor does it exist. The posting of well tests to public web sites is problematic.

The Shasta County Cattleman's Association board of directors has voted to oppose the making of the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition General waste Discharge Requirements PRECEDENTIAL.

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