

Ex Parte Communication Disclosure Form

- 1. Pending General Order:** In the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2012-00116 for Growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group, SWRCB/OCC Files A-2239(a)-(c).
- 2. Contact Information of Person Completing Form:** Theresa “Tess” Dunham, Attorney for East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition, Somach Simmons & Dunn, 500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA, 95814. Phone number (916) 446-7979; email tdunham@somachlaw.com.
- 3. Date of meeting/time/location of meeting:** September 16, 2016; 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Cal-EPA Building, Sacramento, CA 95814.

4. Type of Communication: oral

5. Names of participants:

Felicia Marcus	Parry Klassen	Debi Ores	Jennifer Spaletta
Tess Dunham	Jennifer Clary	Marisol Aguilar	Emel Wadhvani
Ashley Zellmer	Phil Wyels	Bruce Houdesheldt	Casey Cramer
Phoebe Seaton	Tom Howard	Bill Thomas	Darrin Polhemus
Laurel Firestone			

6. Name of person who initiated the communication: Tess Dunham

7. Content of the Communication:

Purpose of the meeting was to convey to Chair Marcus the status of conversations and communications that have occurred among agricultural coalition representatives and environmental justice representatives. After the State Water Board held workshops on the Draft East San Joaquin Order, representatives representing many, but not all of the involved parties, entered into discussion to determine if agreement could be reached on key issues identified in the Draft General Order. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff also participated in the meetings. Based on the conversations, some level of agreement was reached on certain issues while additional discussion needs to continue with respect to other issues.

In summary, the issues discussed at the September 16 meeting include the following:

- Frequency of submittals for farm evaluations
- Vulnerability determinations
- Grower education/outreach

- Development of appropriate metrics to estimate potential nitrate loading to groundwater based on information readily available to growers
- Development and application of water quality protection goals
- Development of agronomic goals
- Domestic well monitoring requirements
- Submittal of individual grower reports to the Central Valley Water Board
- Process for revising nitrogen summary report template
- Incentives for “pump and fertilize”

8. Copy of Handouts/Materials: There were no handouts or materials provided.