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EAST SAN JOAQUIN WATER QUALITY COALITION - MANAGEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE PRIORITIZATION MODIFICATION REQUEST

Thank you for your letter submitted on 12 October 2010 requesting to modify the Management Plan (MPlan) schedules prioritization. The Coalition also submitted the Performance Goals for the 2011 – 2013 priority areas. Given the information provided and the discussion below, I approve the Coalition's request to modify the schedules prioritization (Table 1) and the Performance Goals for the 2011 – 2013 priority areas.

Staff met with the Coalition during the quarterly MPlan meeting on 14 September 2010 and discussed the rationale for the proposed modification. The Coalition will be addressing the third set of priority areas during 2011 – 2013. The request consists of an exchange of a site named "Ash Slough at Ave 21" for a site named "Lateral 2 ½ near Keyes Rd." The site "Ash Slough at Ave 21" has been dry for the majority of the events and drains into the Eastside Bypass before reaching the San Joaquin River. The site "Lateral 2 ½ near Keyes Rd." drains directly into the San Joaquin River and three chlorpyrifos exceedances have been found since July 2009. Due to the location and the water quality issues discovered, "Lateral 2 ½ near Keyes Rd." site merits priority over "Ash Slough at Ave 21" site.

The Coalition has provided the information necessary for moving the site "Lateral 2 ½ near Keyes Rd." from priority status 2015 – 2017 to priority status 2011 – 2013. Thus, the site "Ash Slough at Ave 21" will be addressed in the 2015 – 2017 instead of 2011 – 2013.

Additionally, the time frames for the Performance Goals for the 2011 – 2013 priority areas (Table 1) are appropriate. The Coalition is currently implementing and meeting Performance Goals for the first and second set of priority areas (2008 – 2010 and 2010 – 2012, respectively).

If you have any questions or comments regarding this modification approval, please contact Dania Huggins at (916) 464-4843, or by email at dhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov.

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