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REQUEST TO REMOVE SOUTH SLOUGH AT QUINLEY RD FROM THE MRP PLAN MONITORING SCHEDULE – EAST SAN JOAQUIN WATER QUALITY COALITION

Thank you for your letter submitted on 5 June 2009 requesting to remove South Slough at Quinley Rd site from the ESJWQC monitoring reporting program plan (MRP Plan). I approve the Coalition's request to remove South Slough at Quinley Rd site from the ESJWQC MRP Plan, effective immediately, based on the discussion provided below.

The Coalition's request for removal of South Slough at Quinley Rd site from the ESJWQC MRP Plan is based on the following:

- (1) The sampling originally intended for South Slough at Quinley Rd is actually being conducted on Nealon Lateral, not South Slough.
- (2) Both South Slough and Nealon Lateral do not discharge to other surface waters.
- (3) Nealon Lateral at Quinley Rd is a supply canal and does not receive agricultural inputs.
- (4) The Coalition zone in which South Slough and Nealon Lateral are located (Zone 4) will be adequately characterized by the ten other Assessment Monitoring locations identified in the Coalition's MRP Plan that are scheduled to be sampled based on a rotation schedule.
- (5) Assessment and core monitoring is being completed at two different sites within Zone 4.

Staff has reviewed the information provided by the Coalition to justify items (1) through (5) and concurs that South Slough at Quinley Rd site is not appropriate as a location used to evaluate compliance with the Conditional Waiver. Further, previous monitoring results taken from this location should not be used to evaluate the effects of irrigated agriculture on waters of the State and the development of Management Plans based on this same data is not needed.

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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