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## State Water Resources Control Board

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Dear Mses. Firestone, Spaletta, and Aguilar and Mr. Jennings:

**OWN MOTION REVIEW OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS GENERAL ORDER NO. R5-2012-0116 FOR GROWERS WITHIN THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WATERSHED THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE THIRD-PARTY GROUP, CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD: NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL STAFF WORKSHOP SWRCB/OCC FILES A-2239(a)-(c)**

On February 8, 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released a staff-proposed draft order in the above matter. The State Water Board subsequently held two Board workshops, on May 4, 2016, in Sacramento, and on May 17, 2016, in Fresno. The written comment period closed on June 1, 2016.

On October 19, 2016, State Water Board staff held a staff workshop to provide for an opportunity for staff to ask parties and representatives of stakeholder groups detailed questions about specific submitted comments, to hear from parties and representatives regarding their discussions since comments were submitted (as requested by the State Water Board members at the conclusion of the May 17th workshop), and to allow for in-depth dialogue on several issues raised in the comment letters and oral comments to the Board. At the conclusion of the staff workshop, State Water Board staff and attendees agreed that additional discussion of several issues was warranted.

Accordingly, staff will conduct a second staff workshop on **Friday, November 18, 2016**, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in room "Training 1" on the First Floor of the Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California. Attendees will be asked to designate representatives to

facilitate a more efficient dialogue, because there may not be an opportunity for all attendees to provide direct input. The staff workshop will not be webcast or recorded, but staff will prepare minutes of the workshop to be posted on the State Water Board website.

One or two Board members may be present at the staff workshop; however, there will not be a quorum of Board members, and the staff workshop does not constitute an opportunity to provide oral comment to the Board. The State Water Board may subsequently consider re-opening the comment period on the proposed order if the Board decides greater clarification or discussion on certain issues will assist its decision making.

The November 18th workshop is expected to focus on the following topics:

1. Further refinements to reporting options
2. Potential auditing mechanisms
3. Drinking water well monitoring constituents
4. Framework for surface water quality monitoring program

If there are any questions or comments, please contact Emel Wadhvani, Senior Staff Counsel, in the Office of Chief Counsel, at (916) 322-3622 or [Emel.Wadhvani@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Emel.Wadhvani@waterboards.ca.gov).

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