

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 30-31, 2015**  
Prepared July 7, 2015

**ITEM NUMBER: 15**

**SUBJECT: Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program: Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. Presentation of Water Quality Trends and Data Availability**

**STAFF CONTACT: Chris Rose, 805/542-4770 or [chris.rose@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:chris.rose@waterboards.ca.gov)**

**KEY INFORMATION**

Location: Region Wide  
Type of Discharge: Irrigated Lands  
Existing Orders: Order No. R3-2012-0001

**THIS ACTION: Informational**

This is an informational item to update the Central Coast Water Board and public about monitoring results collected by Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. (Preservation Inc.). Preservation Inc. is a non-profit third party conducting surface water quality monitoring on behalf of growers. The Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Agricultural Order) requires all growers subject to Agricultural Order requirements to conduct surface water quality monitoring. Growers can choose to conduct the monitoring themselves or hire Preservation Inc. to conduct the monitoring on their behalf. Preservation Inc. collects the water quality samples, conducts data analysis, and provides an annual report to the Central Coast Water Board summarizing the data and findings.

Mr. Kirk Schmidt is the Executive Director of Preservation Inc. and will provide a presentation summarizing water quality trends based on the data collected and analyzed on behalf of growers. Mr. Schmidt will also summarize the process of how data is made available to the public and recent changes to this process.