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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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***NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY ISSUED TO THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ASSOCIATION TO SERVE AS A THIRD-PARTY UNDER GENERAL ORDER R5-2014-0030***

Thank you for the 10 April 2014 application to serve as a third-party entity to represent owners and operators of irrigated lands within the Sacramento River Watershed subject to General Order R5-2014-0030 (General Order). The application was submitted by the Northern California Water Association (NCWA), which has been an umbrella organization for the irrigated lands served by the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (SVWQC) since 2003. Supplemental information was provided in an email and attachment on 13 May 2014. A Conditional Notice of Applicability and conditional approval for NCWA to serve as the third-party group was issued on 4 June 2014. The conditional approval requested additional documentation related to organizational governance and accountability in order to complete the verification of NCWA's and SVWQC's qualifications per the requirements of the General Order. Central Valley Water Board staff and NCWA held numerous meetings to discuss and clarify the information needed for approval. NCWA submitted the required documentation in a letter dated 6 April 2015.

The 6 April 2015 supplemental information satisfied requirements to serve as a third-party that were not previously documented. NCWA delineated roles and responsibilities carried out by subsidiary groups, including the governance structure. Methods were identified to make annual summaries of Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program expenditures of fees and revenues readily available to Members.

Based on the application, supplemental information submitted 13 May 2014 and 6 April 2015, and the Coalition's record of representing growers, NCWA meets the requirements to serve as the third-party as described in section V111.A. of the General Order. This letter serves as the Notice of Applicability and my approval of NCWA to serve as the third-party group for the entire Sacramento River Watershed, as described in the General Order. The table included in this letter lists compliance dates associated with the issuance of this Notice of Applicability; all other compliance dates described in General Order apply.

We believe NCWA is well suited to meet the requirements of a third-party to assist Members in complying with the General Order and appreciate NCWA's commitment to make the program a success. We look forward to working with you and the SVWQC participants to protect water quality in the Sacramento River Watershed. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Sue McConnell at (916) 464-4798, or by e-mail at Sue.McConnell@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By Adam Laputz, for*

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Executive Officer

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**COMPLIANCE DATES FOR THE THIRD-PARTY REPRESENTING GROWERS IN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER WATERSHED AND MEMBERS UNDER ORDER R5-2014-0030**

Effective compliance dates associated with the 7 May 2015 Notice of Applicability (NOA) issued to the Northern California Water Association to serve as a third-party under General Order R5-2014-0030.

Due Date	Requirements
	Groundwater Quality Assessment Report
<b>4 June 2015</b>	Sediment Discharge and Erosion Assessment Report
	Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan