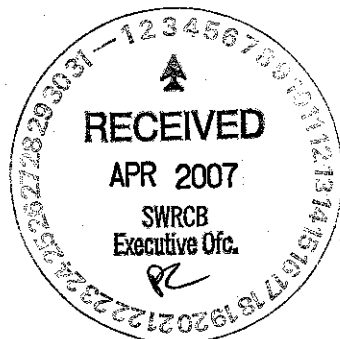


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RE: Comment Letter - Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL

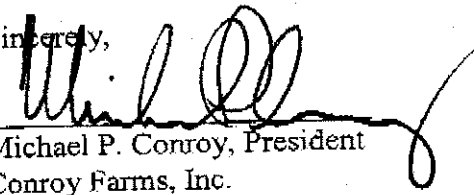
I am writing to show support for the Regional Board's revised TMDL Plan and for the State Board's staff recommendation to the State Board to adopt this proposed amendment. I have been growing strawberries on Central Avenue, Wooley Road, and Pleasant Valley Road in Ventura County for over 30 years.

As growers, we may only appear to be in the background of all of the technical studies, policy-making, and politics that are going on. But we are, and will be, the ones who have to live with the consequences and decisions made by others. While we benefit from the Santa Clara River, we also inevitably suffer from its degradation.

The Santa Clara River is the lifeblood of our heritage and our livelihoods. As river water quality deteriorates, we growers will become the unnecessary victims of a problem. It is time to act. The longer we wait, the more damage will be done and we already have direct experience with damage. In our particular case all we grow is strawberries, which are highly intolerant of salt.

For these reasons, I support the staff recommendations to: (1) approve the Basin Plan amendment unanimously adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Board on August 3, 2006, Resolution No. R4-2006-016; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to submit the amendment to the Office of Administrative Law and to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I can be reached at (805) 482-2669 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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