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Subject: Proposed Revisions to the 303(d) List of impaired Water Bodies

Dear Danny,

I am writing as Drainage Coordinator for the Grassland Basin Drainers (GBD). The GBD have managed a selenium control program on the Westside of the San Joaquin Valley since 1996. A key component of this regulatory program (see WDR 5-01-234) has been the reduction of selenium loads in accordance with the selenium TMDL adopted by the Central Valley Regional Board and approved by EPA.

This selenium control program has resulted in the successful achievement of selenium objectives in the San Joaquin River from the Merced River and downstream. Therefore we fully support the removal of selenium from the 303(d) list for the San Joaquin River from the Merced River to the Delta Boundary and from Salt Slough upstream of the confluence with the San Joaquin River.

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The selenium control program has also resulted in significant reductions in salt discharge to the San Joaquin River and we therefore support the removal of EC from the 303(d) list for the San Joaquin River from the Stanislaus River to the Delta Boundary.

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