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PARTIES

Jon Maring and Zach Maring

DATE: 01 June 2011

TIME: 12:00

At June 1 W. Side Coalition grower meeting

* Party Initiating Communication

SUBJECT: Conversation regarding sediment and runoff

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SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION:

During the June 1, 2011 W. Side Coalition grower meeting at the Fire House in Westley, I did a presentation regarding the Water Board, our policies, and the sediment and other water pollution issues. As part of the Enforcement section of the presentation, I discussed what makes me stop the truck and start taking discharge samples for enforcement consideration. Three slides in the presentation cited a tomato field near by that I had observed sediments discharging into a drain that goes to the San Joaquin River a number of days earlier. During the meeting, one of the attendees recognized the location and pointed out the growers (in attendance at the meeting) of that particular field.

At the end of the meeting I went over to them after the meeting and introduced myself to Jon and Zach Maring. I said that I was told that some of the slides in the presentation showing what the Water Board may consider to be potential turbidity/sediment violations were of their field. They said that they have just started farming that field this year, and have made a number of changes already. They said that they will take a look at the situation and make improvements, such as using PAM. They also said that they already have plans to put in a drip system and that should completely solve the problem long term. I said I would be continuing to spend more time working on the west side of the San Joaquin River this year, and looked forward to their improvements.

CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED:

At this time, my impression was that short term improvements would be made in subsequent irrigations this season, and long term improvements would be installed after the tomatoes were harvested this season. I don't anticipate continued sediment discharges.

REVIEWED BY:



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