

LATE REVISIONS
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
Board Meeting – 27/28 March 2014
ITEM #24

Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins for the Control of Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos - *Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the Proposed Basin Plan Amendment and Substitute Environmental Documentation*

Staff Report

The last sentence in the first paragraph in section 1.1.

Diazinon and chlorpyrifos are organophosphate insecticides that are widely used in agriculture and, until recently, urban settings. Monitoring conducted since the early 1990s by the Central Valley Water Board, US Geological Survey, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and others, has identified diazinon and chlorpyrifos at levels of concern in numerous Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley water bodies. Concentrations of diazinon and chlorpyrifos in ambient water samples from rivers, streams, and the Delta ~~because the concentrations~~ exceed narrative water quality objectives designed to ensure the protection of aquatic life.

Resolution

Add a new finding # 39

39. The Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program currently requires and has required regulated entities to submit management plans to address the discharge of agricultural pollutants that pose a threat to water quality, including diazinon and chlorpyrifos. Implementation provisions in the Proposed Amendment relating to the development of management plans (specifically Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos Discharges Provisions 3 and 6) are intended to be fully consistent with the requirements that are currently being imposed by the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Therefore, the aforementioned provisions of the Basin Plan Amendment will not require regulated agricultural entities to either submit additional information or revise existing management plans except as required pursuant to the processes prescribed in the Orders issued by the Board under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.