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Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Subject: Grassland Bypass Project, Order R5-2015-0094 Pesticide Monitoring Plan

Dear Pamela,

Order R5-2015-0094 Waste Discharge Requirements for San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and United States Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Discharges from the Grassland Bypass Project (Order) requires a Pesticide Monitoring Plan to be submitted within nine months of the Order's approval on 31 July 2015. The deadline for the Pesticide Monitoring Plan is 30 April 2016. However, this Plan is dependent on a list of pesticides and pesticide evaluation protocol that the Executive Officer will provide (Attachment B, paragraph II.C. of the Order), which has not yet been issued.

For other Coalitions within the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, pesticides to be monitored will be determined based on the same list and evaluation protocol issued by the Executive Officer. However, in the Waste Discharge Requirements for other Coalitions, language is provided directing the third-party to continue monitoring as described in the Coalition's previous Monitoring and Reporting Program Plan (e.g., 2008 MRPP for the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed) until the Executive Officer has approved the Monitoring Plan Update.

Based on this information, and with the knowledge that pesticides were not monitored under the previous Order for the Grasslands Bypass Project (Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 5-01-234), I request that we continue monitoring per the listed constituents in Table 2 of Attachment B of the current Order, which lists the pesticides for monitoring as to be determined, until the list is provided. Once the pesticide list and protocol is issued by the Executive Officer we will complete the Pesticide Monitoring Plan.

If you require any further information or I can be of any assistance, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Best Regards,

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