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Ken Nichols
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SETTLEMENT APPROVAL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 00-30, AND CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 301; WESTERN FARM SERVICE, INC., SALINAS FACILITY, MONTEREY COUNTY, WID# 3 27 207 3002

Dear Mr. Nichols:

On July 1, 2008, the Central Coast Water Board Assistant Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R3-2008-0047 (Complaint) against Western Farm Service, Inc., for spilling approximately 100 gallons of water polluted with pesticides and fertilizers to the Salinas Reclamation Canal on March 7, 2007, failing to report the spill, and improperly operating its Salinas Facility. On July 30, 2008, Western Farm Service submitted a signed hearing waiver and paid staff's recommended liability of \$30,000 (two checks for \$15,000 each). I hereby accept your payment in settlement of the Complaint.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and your commitment to improve the documentation and effectiveness of best management practices at all of your facilities in our region, as we discussed during our July 23, 2008 meeting.

If you have any questions about complying with Order No. 00-30, please contact **Cecile DeMartini at (805) 542-4782**, or cdemartini@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you have questions about this enforcement action, please contact **Todd Stanley at (805) 542-4769**, or tstanley@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Briggs
Executive Officer

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