



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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WESTERN SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WATERSHED COALITION – APPROVAL OF THE 2024 SURFACE WATER MONITORING PLAN UPDATE ADDENDUM

Thank you for submitting the 2024 Monitoring Plan Update (MPU) Addendum for the Western San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition (Coalition). The MPU Addendum updates the Coalition's surface water monitoring plan for March 2024 through February 2025, based on data collected September 2023 through February 2024.

Water Board staff have reviewed the 2024 MPU Addendum and find that it meets the requirements of the Monitoring and Reporting Program Order R5-2014-0002-11 (Order).

Based on the staff review (attached), I am approving the Coalition's 2024 Monitoring Plan Update Addendum.

As required by the Order, the next MPU is due by 15 December 2024. Executive Officer approval will be required prior to the implementation of any changes. If you have any questions, you may contact Dana Kulesza at dana.kulesza@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer

Enclosure: Staff Review of the 2024 Monitoring Plan Update Addendum, Westside SJR Coalition

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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DATE: 10 May 2024

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE MONITORING PLAN UPDATE ADDENDUM FOR
2024-25: WESTSIDE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WATERSHED COALITION

The Central Valley Water Board received a Monitoring Plan Update Addendum (2024 MPU Addendum) from the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition (Coalition) on 1 May 2024, as required by the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Order R5-2014-0002-11. The 2024 MPU Addendum modifies the surface water monitoring schedule for 1 March 2024 through 28 February 2025 as needed according to monitoring data collected in September 2023 through February 2024, which was not available during preparation of the original MPU.

Staff reviewed the 2024 MPU Addendum to determine compliance with requirements pursuant to the MRP and other Basin Plan requirements, such as the Pyrethroid Control Program.

2024 MPU ADDENDUM SUMMARY

Monitoring data collected in September 2023 through February 2024 did not result in any additional required monitoring during the 2024 monitoring period. Any exceedances measured during this period that would have resulted in additional monitoring are already covered by planned monitoring in the original 2024 MPU.

In accordance with discussions with Water Board staff, the Coalition proposes to end monitoring at the three Source Water sites, except as required for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) monitoring. Data collected at these sites was never used to implement Management Plans and was originally added to the monitoring program to assess incoming water quality upstream of the Coalition boundary. Elimination of this monitoring will allow for resource re-allocation towards pesticide Management Plan implementation.

Additionally, the Coalition proposes to end monitoring at the two Wetland Supply Channel sites, which do not fall within the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). The San Luis and Santa Fe Canal Wetland Supply Channels supply wetland refuges. Historically, they were monitored through the Grassland Bypass Project (GBP). However, recent changes to the GBP eliminated the monitoring at these sites, and the Coalition decided to continue the monitoring as a special project. The Coalition is now satisfied with the volume of data generated and does not need additional data.

Elimination of this monitoring will allow for resource re-allocation towards pesticide Management Plan implementation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff reviewed the 2024 MPU Addendum and finds that it meets the requirements of the MRP. Staff recommends approval of the 2024 MPU Addendum.