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Media Advisory Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Water Quality Protection

WHO: The State Water Resources Control Board & Central Valley Regional Water Board. (No Action will be taken). The two Boards will hold a joint workshop to review the status of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and to listen to recommendations from the interest groups on the direction for the program.

WHAT: The Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program is the largest, most comprehensive water quality program for runoff from irrigated agriculture in the country. Started in 2003, more than 5.4 million acres of land and 28,000 growers are involved in the program. Growers have organized themselves into Coalition Groups to deal with local water quality issues and provide technical assistance to growers in their areas. Monitoring surface waters in agricultural areas is continuing and the Coalition Groups are pursuing source identification and corrective actions for water quality problems identified through the monitoring.

WHEN: 1 p.m. Thursday, September 13, 2007, in Clovis

WHERE: City of Clovis Council Chambers, 1033 Fifth Street

WHY: Some believe that the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program is asking for too much too quickly, while others believe that enough is not being done soon enough. Environmental benefits will increase each year as the program continues to identify and address water quality problems.

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