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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

State Water Resources Control Board
Attn.: Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
1001 "I" Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

RE: "Comments to A-2239(a)-(c)" – State Water Board Review of WDRs General Order [No. R5-2012-0116] for Growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group (the Eastern San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition)

Dear Ms. Townsend and State Water Board Members:

I am the General Manager of South Valley Farms, a producer of almonds and pistachios in Central California. We are a member of the Cawelo Water District Coalition ("CWDC") and support the CWDC in its efforts to assist its members in complying with General Order R5-2013-0120, as amended. Because decisions of the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") as to revisions of the East San Joaquin General Order R5-2012-0116-R3 recommended by staff will set precedent, the CWDC and other coalitions throughout the State of California, have submitted comments to the SWRCB regarding the recommendations scheduled to be heard on January 23, 2018. Specifically, this letter is submitted to support comments provided by the CWDC in response to the staff recommendations. Please consider the comments provided by the CWDC before taking action on the proposed revisions to the East San Joaquin General Order R5-2012-0116-R3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric J. Miller".

Eric Miller
General Manager
South Valley Farms
Wasco, California