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RE: Comments to A-2239(a)-(c)

Dear Chair Marcus and Members of the Board:

I am a farmer who raises almonds in San Joaquin County, California. I have been following the State Water Resources Control Board's Proposed Order revising the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's General Waste Discharge Requirements, and I am concerned that my ability to continue to farm will be unnecessarily negatively burdened by the Proposed Order.

The proposed revisions to the East San Joaquin Waste Discharge Requirements and the potential impact the changes will have on the already successful cooperative Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, which has been in place for over a decade, are significant and costly. Given the precedential nature of the Proposed Order, it will not only have a severe impact on agricultural operations within the Central Valley, but throughout the state. Of particular concern to my farming operation is the burdensome regulation that is making farming unnecessarily difficult.

Thank you for considering my views.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Roche".

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