

commentletters

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

Dear Chairman or Chairperson Marcus and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Mariposa County Farm Bureau, we have numerous concerns regarding Proposed Order A-2239(a)-(c). We 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 are deeply concerned that the ability to feasibly continue farming and ranching in Mariposa County would be adversely affected by the Proposed Order.

A-2239(a)-(c) includes requirements that disrupt the existing successful irrigated lands regulatory program which has been highly effective in addressing surface water quality concerns and protecting water quality. Given the precedential nature of the Proposed Order, it will not only have a severe negative impact on agricultural operations within the Central Valley, but throughout the state.

Mariposa County has a wide variety of agricultural commodities, ranging from cattle, poultry, vineyards, olives, timber, irrigated pasture, rangeland, fruit & nuts, sheep (including meat and wool), honey and nursery stock. On behalf of the membership of the Mariposa County Farm Bureau I believe that this Proposed Order will cause ripple effects that will negatively impact Mariposa County agriculture and agricultural operations throughout the State of California.

Thank you for considering the views of the Mariposa County Farm Bureau.

Respectfully,

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