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Dear Board Members

Our family has been farming in the San Joaquin County for six generations spanning a period of 150 years. We are primarily walnut growers who compete with growers in China, Chile, Ukraine and Middle Eastern countries where the regulatory burden is minimal and wage rates are a small fraction of what we are paying our employees. The Proposed Order for the East San Joaquin Waster Quality Coalition will further burden us with added administrative requirements and thus reduce our effectiveness as growers. Past and current work by the Walnut Board of California and the University of California at Davis, have led to more efficient use of nitrogen. I believe we should rely more on the advancement of science to improve efficiency than imposing added regulations to an over-regulated industry.

I urge you to reject further changes in the existing regulations.

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