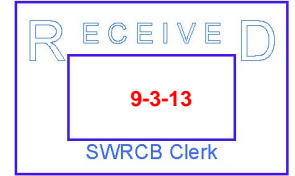


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Page 12- I would request that the State Board direct the Central Coast Water Board to work with the agricultural community to develop a short-term and long-term program with incentives for growers to participate in a third party approach for addressing discharges from irrigated agriculture. The Central Coast program is and was developed based on the data that had been collected and analyzed that indicated water quality issues from discharges from irrigated agriculture.

Then the regulation was developed with a point source approach to risk to water quality depending on the type of farming operation versus an understanding that farming is a non-point source water quality issue which would/could improve by prioritizing and focusing on areas of where there are known water quality issues of concern using a coalition approach.

The Central Coast approach is somewhat a scattershot in that it may or may not end addressing known water quality issues of concern. The approach does not take into account "boots on the ground" and is set up as a data collection- report filing without allowing for the evaluation of what actually will improve water quality at the farm level.

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