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November 19, 2015

Ms. Felicia Marcus
Chairwoman
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Dear Ms. Marcus:

The Shasta-Tehama Watershed Education Coalition (STWEC) Board believes that Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) levied fines should be used to reduce or offset per acre assessments imposed on coalition members by the State Water Resources Control Board, rather than used in unrelated Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs).

Our members are growers within the Sacramento River Watershed who are committed to complying with the new Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2014-0030-R1. With this commitment comes an additional economic burden that for some makes their farming operation less than viable. It is appropriate that all fines levied against infractions of the ILRP Waste Discharge Requirements be used to help lessen the burden of program cost to those who choose to comply with the Order.

Thank you for considering this concern and any action you can supply to help lessen the associated state fees charged to our members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. James Edwards".

W. James Edwards
STWEC Secretary

cc: Assemblyman James Gallagher
Senator Jim Nielsen
Bruce Houdesheldt, Director Regulatory Affairs Northern California Water Association

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