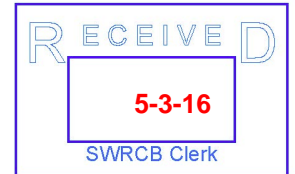


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From: Miriam Gordon <miriamgordon09@gmail.com>
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Subject: File A-2239 (a)-(c) : Public comment on recommendations for tightened controls on irrigated agriculture

Dear State Water Board members,

I'm writing to you as a supporter of Clean Water Action, in reference to your recommendations to tighten controls on irrigated agriculture put in place by the Regional Boards.

I support the State Board's new proposals to:

- Require that all farms test their own wells for nitrate pollution in order to provide data on the state of farm water quality; and
- Require farms to report information directly to the Board about irrigation, nutrient management and best practices at a field level, rather than aggregating it at a township scale (36 square miles) in order to hide information about non-compliant operators.

I'm also asking the Board to:

- Prioritize getting replacement water to people who don't currently have access to safe drinking water; and
- Strengthen the goals of the order to include some assurances that nitrate loading to groundwater will decrease over time.

It's time to hold those responsible for polluting California groundwater responsible.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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