

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING PENDING  
GENERAL ORDERS DISCLOSURE FORM

1. Pending General Order that the communication concerned:

SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2239(a)-(c): State Water Board review of petitions challenging Central Valley Water Board Order R5-2012-0116, Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group

2. Name, title and contact information of person completing this form:

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3. Date and location of meeting, phone call or other communication:

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Phone call & In-person at the State Water Board  
1001 I Street, CA 95812

4. Type of communication (written, oral or both):

Oral communication during small stakeholder meeting.

5. Participants:

From State Water Resources Control Board:  
DeeDee D'Adamo, Board Member (in-person)

From environmental justice stakeholder community:

In person:

Debi Ores, Community Water Center  
Jenny Rempel, Community Water Center  
Tim Kuzelka, Community Water Center  
Phoebe Seaton, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

On the phone:

Jennifer Clary, Clean Water Action  
Marisol Aguilar, California Rural Legal Assistance  
Robert Fuentes, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

6. Name of person(s) who initiated the communication:

Jenny Rempel, Community Water Center

7. Content of communication:

The environmental justice community representatives discussed concerns regarding the draft order, as well as reviewed pieces of the order which they approved of, seeking feedback from the Board.

Reporting requirements:

- Township v field level data. DeeDee wanted feedback on our thoughts on the differences between the two. EJ groups emphasized the need for field level data for the sake of transparency. There is no increased burden on farmers as they are already submitting this data to the Coalitions.
- DeeDee worried about the impact to Coalitions, there is a fear the new requirements will kill the Coalitions.

Coalitions:

- Need to increase education requirements and quality of education
- Concerns about remote attendance- pros and cons
- Enforcement concerns, EJ community pushes for better enforcement mechanisms.

Can the Regional Board really cover all of these new requirements?

On-farm domestic well testing:

- Look at Central Coast data – it shows that basically all data points exceed Nitrate MCL
- General agreement that there needs to be better data and that data motivates behavior
- Possibly expanding the number of contaminants tested for in the program

Public water system well location data

- EJ community would like this data released sooner

Groundwater Quality Management Plans

Nutrient Ratios

- Benefit of this is for farmers to compare to one another on how they are doing but this isn't happening now
- EJ community pushed for increased use of A-R rather than A/R
- Question is though what is "A"? What should "A" be?

Replacement Water – there needs to be a nexus, DeeDee not sure that exists

- Central Coast is doing replacement water in some cases

Central Coast Enforcement Order updates

Anti-degradation

- EJ Community concerned that there is no baseline analysis being completed and thus fails Anti-Deg analysis.
- Must consider costs not only to ag, but affected communities

8. Copies of handouts, PowerPoint presentations and other materials used or distributed at the meeting:

There were no written materials distributed at the meeting.