

State Water Resources Control Board
Ex Parte Communication Disclosure Regarding Pending Order

Pending Order

Draft Order WQ re: Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2012-0116

Name, title, contact information of person completing form

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Date, time, location of meeting

December 8 2017, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Cal-EPA Building

Type of Communication

Oral communication occurred.

Participants

Board Chair Marcus
Darrin Polhemus
Phil Wyels
Emel Wadwhani
Tim Johnson
Roberta Firoved
Tess Dunham

Name of person(s) who initiated the communication

Tim Johnson

Describe Communication

Discussion regarding impacts that the Second Draft Order will have on the California Rice Commission, and rice growers in the Sacramento Valley. Specifically, discussed need for State Water Board to find that the Rice WDR has already made the demonstrations otherwise identified in the Draft Order. Discussed the request for Supplemental Evidence submitted by the California Rice Commission and fact that Rice Commission believes that substantial evidence is in the record to support State Board findings. More generally, discussed application of the Draft Order to agricultural areas in the Central Valley that are not on the valley-floor and that do not demonstrate known nitrate problems.