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RE: Comment Letter – **Grazing Regulatory Action Project**

Jeanine Townsend. Clerk of the Board

Dear Ms. Townsend: This decision to discontinue further discussion of GRAP is one of the best decisions the Water Board has ever considered. Now you need to discard GRAP into the trash bin of ill conceived, absurd ideas and leave it there in perpetuity. GRAP was an oxymoron from its inception. A huge, costly government power grab to address an issue that doesn't exist.

When you consider that in testimony at the Sacramento meeting last spring, your staffers admitted that the amount of pollution from unknown sources in our waters was 10 times or 1,000 percent greater than that possibly attributed to livestock grazing. Why would you go any further? Why not identify the unknown sources, or just half of them? That would have returned 5 times or 500 percent the water quality improvement that you could have gotten with total cleanup with GRAP.

Considering the fact that we have nearly one half million acres of farmland idled by the worst drought in 1,000 years, fruit and vegetables rotting on the trees and in the fields, communities without water, Corcoran subsiding by 13 inches in the last year and most of our reservoirs nearly empty, your resources and manpower could certainly be better spent.

Best regards,

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