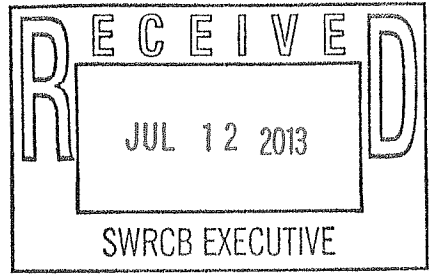


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June 8, 2013

Tom Howard, Executive Officer
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Water Rights Permit #11043 Revocation Hearing

Dear Mr. Howard:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Salinas River Water Rights Permit #11043 Revocation. Growers, shippers, packers, harvesters, processors and countless other related businesses are represented by the **Grower-Shipper Association of Central California**. More than **340 members** span the coastal region encompassing **Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara counties**. It is on their behalf that we write this letter.

We are writing to share our support of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's (MCRWA) opposition to the revocation of the Water Rights permit #11043 currently held by MCRWA on the Salinas River in Monterey County. The Permit holds the right to 168,538 acre-feet per year of surface water from the Salinas River. The Agency has held the Permit since 1957, and plans to utilize this water in its strategy to halt the advance of seawater intrusion (SWI) into the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin.

As a member, the Grower-Shipper Association concurs with and supports this the MCWRA's Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) "Committee Purpose Statement", whose purpose is to:

- Update and retain Water Rights Permit #11043; and
- Determine feasibility of utilizing water pursuant to this permit within the context of the original permit; and
- Identify the water available pursuant to Permit #11043 and work together to identify feasible projects that put those water resources to beneficial use.

Please contact me at abby@growershipper.com for further details regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Abby Taylor-Silva
Grower-Shipper Association of Central California

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