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RESPONSE TO WRITTEN COMMENTS – TENTATIVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MUTUAL RELEASE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE WITH SVA GROUP, LLC AND SIERRA VALLEY ALMONDS, LLC FOR TWO PARCELS AT THE FORMER OBERTI OLIVE PROCESSING FACILITY, MADERA COUNTY

Enclosed is the Response to Written Comments received regarding the Tentative Resolution circulated for comment by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) regarding SVA Group, LLC and Sierra Valley Almonds, LLC. Two comments were received during the comment period which ended 8 July 2011. Central Valley Water Board staff met with Peter Biscay and Ann Sparke on 12 July 2011 to discuss their concerns. Staff appreciate their support for the transfer of ownership of the two warehouses to the new almond processing group. Because some of your concerns are outside the authority of the Central Valley Water Board, it would be beneficial if you also submit them to the Madera County Road Department. I also discussed Lorraine Bennett's concerns with her on the telephone and appreciate her support for the proposed new property owners.

The Tentative Resolution will be considered by the Central Valley Water Board at its next meeting which starts at 9:00 a.m. Friday, 5 August 2011 at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200 in Rancho Cordova, California.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (559) 445-5508 or by e-mail at sgray@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure

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