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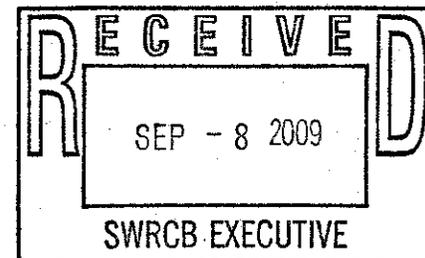
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Chair Charlie Hoppin and Members of the State Water Board
c/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Re: Crop Salt Tolerance Study Report Comments

Dear Chair Hoppin and Members of the State Water Board:

On behalf of the County of San Joaquin we provide the following comments to the Salt Tolerance of Crops in the Southern Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Draft Report dated July 14, 2009 by Dr. Glenn J. Hoffman.

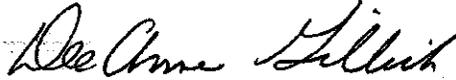
The County is concerned that adequate water quality standards apply within the Southern Delta and that these standards are met. The southern Delta agricultural resources that are protected by the water quality standards are within San Joaquin County and the viability of agriculture within the Delta greatly impacts the County as well as the State's economy.

The County appreciates the extensive research and analysis performed by Dr. Hoffman due to the pending investigation by the State Water Board of the agricultural water quality requirements within the south Delta. However, the County is concerned about several of the assumptions relied upon by Dr. Hoffman and believes that more analysis is required in order to accurately evaluate the water quality needs of agriculture in the south Delta. The County supports and joins in the

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more specific comments provided by South Delta Water Agency, including the comments provided by Dr. Terry Prichard and Alex Hildebrand.

Very truly yours,



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