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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **WESTERN SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WATERSHED COALITION – APPROVAL OF THE 2025 SURFACE WATER MONITORING PLAN UPDATE ADDENDUM**

Thank you for submitting the 2025 Monitoring Plan Update (MPU) Addendum for the Western San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition (Coalition). The MPU Addendum updates the Coalition's surface water monitoring plan for March 2025 through February 2026, based on data collected September 2024 through February 2025.

Water Board staff have reviewed the 2025 MPU Addendum and find that it meets the requirements of the Monitoring and Reporting Program Order R5-2014-0002-11 (Order).

Based on the staff review (attached), I am approving the Coalition's 2025 Monitoring Plan Update Addendum.

As required by the Order, the next MPU is due by 15 December 2025. Executive Officer approval will be required prior to the implementation of any changes. If you have any questions, you may contact Dana Kulesza at [dana.kulesza@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dana.kulesza@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Staff Review of the 2025 Monitoring Plan Update Addendum

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**DATE:** 27 May 2025

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE MONITORING PLAN UPDATE ADDENDUM FOR  
2025-26: WESTSIDE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WATERSHED  
COALITION**

The Central Valley Water Board received a Monitoring Plan Update Addendum (2025 MPU Addendum) from the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition (Coalition) on 1 May 2025, as required by the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Order R5-2014-0002-11. The 2025 MPU Addendum modifies the surface water monitoring schedule for 1 March 2025 through 28 February 2026 as needed according to monitoring data collected in September 2024 through February 2025, which was not available during preparation of the original MPU.

The 2025 MPU Addendum includes the monitoring reduction requested by the Coalition on 21 February 2025.

Staff reviewed the 2025 MPU Addendum to determine compliance with requirements pursuant to the MRP and other Basin Plan requirements, such as the Pyrethroid Control Program.

### 2025 MPU ADDENDUM SUMMARY

Monitoring data collected in September 2024 through February 2025 did not result in any additional required monitoring during the 2025 monitoring period. Any exceedances measured during this period that would have resulted in additional monitoring are already covered by planned monitoring in the original 2025 MPU.

The Coalition concluded its Pyrethroid Control Program Baseline Monitoring in 2021, which required water column *Hyalella azteca* toxicity testing at all sites when pyrethroid chemistry testing was required per the Pesticide Evaluation Protocol (PEP). This water column toxicity testing has continued for an additional four years beyond the Baseline Monitoring, and will now be reduced to twice a year (once during irrigation season and

once during storm season) at all sites requiring pyrethroid chemistry monitoring. If in the future the Water Board determines that the frequency of this monitoring needs to increase again, the Coalition will be notified.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff reviewed the 2025 MPU Addendum and finds that it meets the requirements of the MRP and the Pyrethroid Control Program. The Coalition can reduce water column *Hyalella* toxicity testing to twice per year (once each during irrigation and storm seasons). Staff recommends approval of the 2025 MPU Addendum.