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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **APPROVAL OF EXTENSION FOR 2025 GROUNDWATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT UPDATE**

On 10 March 2025, the California Rice Commission requested an extension for the submission of the next Groundwater Quality Assessment Report (GAR) Update. The GAR is required to be updated every five years by Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Sacramento Valley Rice Growers, Order R5-2014-0032.

The GAR and its updates provide the basis for groundwater quality monitoring and implementation under the Order. The next GAR Update was due 1 March 2025. However, in your request, you explained that a 1 October 2025 submittal date would provide value to the monitoring program by allowing for inclusion of the annual August 2025 sampling data. In addition, this extension will allow for the inclusion of updates on the groundwater quality trend monitoring program and well network that would otherwise need to be submitted separately.

Based on the rationale provided in your letter and the staff's recommendation, I approve your request to submit the next GAR Update by 1 October 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Peters by phone at 916-464-4857 or by e-mail at [Ashley.Peters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ashley.Peters@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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