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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Danosky:

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Keaten:

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Larrabee:

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

I am writing this letter to inquire about your compliance with the Water Efficiency Act of 2009 (the "Act"). In 2009, the Legislature adopted the Act with the goal of increasing water efficiency in the agricultural sector and combatting California's chronic water shortage. See Water Code §§ 10608-10608.64, 10800-10845. The Act placed significant new responsibilities on water suppliers such as your District.

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cc: George Cappello, President



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July 11, 2014

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Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

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July 11, 2014

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Brogan:

I am writing this letter to inquire about your compliance with the Water Efficiency Act of 2009 (the "Act"). In 2009, the Legislature adopted the Act with the goal of increasing water efficiency in the agricultural sector and combatting California's chronic water shortage. See Water Code §§ 10608-10608.64, 10800-10845. The Act placed significant new responsibilities on water suppliers such as your District.

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July 11, 2014

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Vink:

I am writing this letter to inquire about your compliance with the Water Efficiency Act of 2009 (the "Act"). In 2009, the Legislature adopted the Act with the goal of increasing water efficiency in the agricultural sector and combatting California's chronic water shortage. See Water Code §§ 10608-10608.64, 10800-10845. The Act placed significant new responsibilities on water suppliers such as your Districts.

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July 11, 2014

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Carlisle:

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July 11, 2014

Robert Hartsock
General Counsel
Kern Delta Water District
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Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Hartsock:

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cc: L. Mark Mulkey, General Manger



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July 11, 2014

L. Mark Mulkay
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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

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July 11, 2014

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Smith:

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July 11, 2014

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

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July 11, 2014

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

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Phil Desatoff
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Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

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Corcoran Irrigation District
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Overnight Delivery

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Overnight Delivery

RE: Required Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan and Public Records Act Request

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Dennis Falaschi
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Firebaugh, CA 93622

Overnight Delivery

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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

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ELF is a nonprofit environmental organization committed to improving environmental quality in California. We believe that in this time of drought, improved water efficiency is the only path toward securing a safe and prosperous future for subsequent generations. And we are prepared to bring this litigation in order to ensure that districts such as yours comply with laws intended to promote such efficiency.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 208-4555 or nkane@envirolaw.org.

Sincerely,



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