

**Letter FM: Carole Cassidy (March 20, 2020)****Letter FM**

**From:** [stanford92@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:stanford92@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Carole Cassidy](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 7:23:54 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FM-1 I Please approve strong protections for water quality in the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. Runoff of farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitats. The order helps reduce pollution along the Central Coast, but more must be done to protect the region's water quality. It should include:
- FM-2 I 1. strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers.
- FM-3 I 2. strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FM-4 I And
- FM-4 I 3. Institute maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FM-5 I 4. be strengthened to better protect aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal law.
- FM-6 I 5. reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat.
- FM-7 I 6. restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FM-8 I These measures will cut pollution. Please act to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Carole Cassidy  
 San Rafael, CA 94903  
[stanford92@aol.com](mailto:stanford92@aol.com)

**Response to Comment FM-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FM-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10 and 2.3.2.

**Response to Comment FM-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FM-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FM-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FM-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FM-7**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FM-8**

This comment is noted.

**Letter FN: Carolyn Barkow (March 20, 2020)****Letter FN**

**From:** [itzmeeee@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:itzmeeee@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of Carolyn Barkow  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 4:26:01 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FN-1 I The draft Agricultural Order 4.0 takes some important steps to rein in pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FN-2 I Adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FN-3 I Adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FN-4 I Agricultural Order 4.0 must be strengthened beyond the current draft. It must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FN-5 I The new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat and restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways.
- FN-6 I Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Barkow  
San Diego, CA 92119  
[itzmeeee@cox.net](mailto:itzmeeee@cox.net)



**Response to Comment FN-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FN-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FN-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FN-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FN-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in the revised Agricultural Order 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FN-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FO: Celia Carroll (March 20, 2020)****Letter FO**

**From:** [ccarr10186@evervationcustom.com](mailto:ccarr10186@evervationcustom.com) on behalf of [Celia Carroll](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 6:18:46 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FO-1 [ As a California resident, it appalls me that my local stores now must label spinach and non-Salinas-Valley to assure us that the spinach is safe! Feed lot runoff, pesticides and chemical fertilizers should not damage the field of our crop farmers.
- FO-2 [ I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FO-3 [ Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FO-4 [ I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FO-5 [ While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FO-6 [ Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FO-7 [ Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Celia Carroll  
 Santa Monica, CA 90405  
[ccarr10186@aol.com](mailto:ccarr10186@aol.com)

**Response to Comment FO-1**

This comment is noted.

**Response to Comment FO-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FO-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FO-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FO-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FO-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FO-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FP: Connie Spenger (March 20, 2020)****Letter FP**

**From:** [cespenger@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:cespenger@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Connie Spenger](#)  
**To:** [AqNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AqNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 4:52:53 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FP-1 I'm recovering from a protozoal infection called Cryptosporidiosis that I got in December. It took two months to get into exercising shape. It probably came from some Yuma lettuce I ate at a Deli. However, it is borne in cattle feces, so when lettuce is contaminated, anyone could get it. Not for sissies, I assure you. Crypto is also borne in contaminated water.
- FP-2 It's time to get rid of most pesticides. They all poison us and all other creatures. Proper agricultural practices can make pesticides unnecessary.
- FP-3 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FP-4 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FP-5 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FP-6 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FP-7 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FP-8 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Connie Spenger  
 Big Pine, CA 93513  
[cespenger@gmail.com](mailto:cespenger@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment FP-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment FP-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.6.2.

**Response to Comment FP-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FP-4**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FP-5**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FP-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FP-7**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FP-8**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FQ: Dennis Therry (March 20, 2020)****Letter FQ**

**From:** [shearwaters@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:shearwaters@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Dennis Therry](#)  
**To:** [AqNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AqNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 11:02:22 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FQ-1 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FQ-2 The state has lost up to US\$1 billion in crops each year between 1980 and 2015 due to smog, according to a new study (Impacts of ozone and climate change on yields of perennial crops in California). Crops including grapes, strawberries, walnuts, peaches, nectarines, and hay lost between 2% and 22% of their yield over this period.
- FQ-3 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FQ-4 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FQ-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FQ-6 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality. Instead of growing water intensive crops for exports, California should put in place economic incentives to produce crop for domestic consumption instead of exporting water.
- FQ-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Dennis Therry  
 Bayside, CA 95524  
[shearwaters@hotmail.com](mailto:shearwaters@hotmail.com)

**Response to Comment FQ-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FQ-2**

This comment is noted.

**Response to Comment FQ-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FQ-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FQ-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FQ-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FQ-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FR: Donna Uran (March 20, 2020)****Letter FR**

**From:** [donna\\_mountains@evrivationcustom.com](mailto:donna_mountains@evrivationcustom.com) on behalf of Donna Uran  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 2:57:54 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FR-1 I As a US Citizen and Native American who treasures water as one of the Four Sacred Elements of life, I'm extremely concerned about current farming practices with pesticides and fertilizers that is harming our water quality.
- FR-2 I I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FR-3 I Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FR-4 I I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FR-5 I While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FR-6 I Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FR-7 I Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Donna Uran  
 Nevada City, CA 95959  
[donna\\_mountains@hotmail.com](mailto:donna_mountains@hotmail.com)



**Response to Comment FR-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment FR-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FR-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FR-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FR-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FR-6**

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In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FR-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FS: Elise Kroeber (March 20, 2020)****Letter FS**

**From:** [cole@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:cole@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Elise Kroeber](#)  
**To:** [AqNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AqNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 8:41:26 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FS-1 California has made great progress in protecting our water -- so that every living thing that requires it will get some. We need the food that's grown, and need just as much, the health and well-being of the critters with whom we share the planet.
- FS-2 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FS-3 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FS-4 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FS-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FS-6 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FS-6 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Elise Kroeber  
 San Francisco, CA 94117  
[cole@gorgoteo.net](mailto:cole@gorgoteo.net)

**Response to Comment FS-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FS-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FS-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FS-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FS-5**

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In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FS-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FT: Ellen Kelley (March 20, 2020)****Letter FT**

**From:** [elenakey@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:elenakey@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ellen Kelley](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 7:35:35 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FT-1 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FT-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FT-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FT-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FT-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FT-6 The current, global Pandemic places even greater urgency to protecting our water quality and related food production capacities. PLEASE ACT NOW.
- FT-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,  
 Ellen Kelley  
 Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
[elenakey@cox.net](mailto:elenakey@cox.net)

**Response to Comment FT-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FT-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FT-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FT-4**

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In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FT-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment FT-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FU: Evan Jane Kriss (March 20, 2020)****Letter FU**

**From:** [samesamejane@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:samesamejane@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Evan Jane Kriss](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** STRENGTHEN Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 12:17:08 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FU-1 I'm writing to urge you to APPROVE STRONG PROTECTIONS for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from FARM PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS damages DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER AND WILDLIFE HABITAT. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FU-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt STRING NUMERIC APPLICATION AND DISCHARGE LIMITS for FARM NUTRIENTS such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for PESTICIDES, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FU-3 I also urge you to adopt the MAXIMUM VEGETATED BUFFERS between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an EFFECTIVE, LOW COST way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FU-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be STRENGTHENED beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of AQUATIC LIFE and ENDANGERED SPECIES, as REQUIRED by both state and federal law.
- FU-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FU-6 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution, protecting our drinking water, our groundwater, our waterways, our wetlands, our wildlife, our environment, our food and our health.
- FU-7 Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Evan Jane Kriss  
 Sausalito, CA 94965  
[samesamejane@gmail.com](mailto:samesamejane@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment FU-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FU-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FU-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FU-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FU-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FU-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment FU-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FV: Forrest Hopping (March 20, 2020)****Letter FV**

**From:** [guajolotl@evervactioncustom.com](mailto:guajolotl@evervactioncustom.com) on behalf of **FORREST HOPPING**  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 6:49:20 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FV-1 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FV-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FV-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FV-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FV-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FV-6 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.
- FV-7 Something must be done about the fact that billions make it to Wall St and tax heavens, as most of the money produced locally vanishes and is not reinvested in the Valley. Fresno streets, for example are the worst,--- pock marked, full of chuck holes, inaccessible, etc. Not enough money is spent on housing for the homeless, schools, and giving relief to over crowded hospitals. It all vanishes.
- Sincerely,  
 FORREST HOPPING  
 Fresno, CA 93702  
[guajolotl@aol.com](mailto:guajolotl@aol.com)



**Response to Comment FV-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FV-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FV-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FV-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FV-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FV-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment FV-7**

This comment is noted.

**Letter FW: Gary Lee (March 20, 2020)****Letter FW**

**From:** [palmssprings.gary@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:palmssprings.gary@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Gary Lee](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 9:54:40 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FW-1 | Please approve strong protections for water quality in creating the draft of Agricultural Order 4.0. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FW-2 | You must adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, including comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FW-3 | You must also adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields.
- FW-4 | Although Agricultural Order 4.0 takes some important steps to better protect water quality, it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. It must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FW-5 | Not least, the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. It must also restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FW-6 | Adopting these measures will put us on a path toward reducing pollution. You have my full support if you take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality.

Sincerely,  
 Gary Lee  
 Palm Springs, CA 92264  
[palmssprings.gary@verizon.net](mailto:palmssprings.gary@verizon.net)

**Response to Comment FW-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FW-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FW-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FW-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FW-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FW-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FX: Hazel Holby (March 20, 2020)****Letter FX**

**From:** [hazelh2000@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hazelh2000@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Hazel Holby](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 12:19:58 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FX-1 I I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0.
- FX-2 I Please put a limit on fertilizer usage so that it does not harm animals, especially endangered species.
- FX-3 I Also, I urge you to protect the water supply for both humans and animals and strengthen this bill even further - thanks for listening.

Sincerely,  
Hazel Holby  
Willows, CA 95988  
[hazelh2000@yahoo.com](mailto:hazelh2000@yahoo.com)

**Response to Comment FX-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment FX-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FX-3**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FY: Holly Harris (March 20, 2020)****Letter FY**

**From:** [hollyharris@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hollyharris@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Holly Harris](#)  
**To:** [AqNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AqNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 10:01:39 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FY-1 I Every year I ride my bike in the Salinas Valley. That is from Carmel Valley to King City and back again the next day. Please consider these measures below to protect that beautiful and precious land.
- FY-2 I I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FY-3 I Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FY-4 I I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FY-5 I While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FY-6 I Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FY-7 I Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Holly Harris  
 Mill Valley, CA 94941  
[hollyharris@gmail.com](mailto:hollyharris@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment FY-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment FY-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FY-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FY-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FY-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FY-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FY-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter FZ: Holly Sletteland (March 20, 2020)****Letter FZ**

**From:** [hslettel@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:hslettel@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Holly Sletteland](#)  
**To:** [AqNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AqNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality & Wildlife - Strengthen Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 8:27:48 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- FZ-1 I am very concerned about the dramatic declines in pollinators and birds. I work directly with imperiled monarchs, and studies are increasingly proving the link between pesticides and declines in animal populations.
- FZ-2 That is why I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- FZ-3 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- FZ-4 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- FZ-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- FZ-6 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- FZ-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Holly Sletteland  
 Templeton, CA 93465  
[hslettel@calpoly.edu](mailto:hslettel@calpoly.edu)



**Response to Comment FZ-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment FZ-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment FZ-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment FZ-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment FZ-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FZ-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment FZ-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GA: Jane Dalpino Dalpino (March 20, 2020)****Letter GA**

**From:** [jdajane@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jdajane@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jane Dalpino Dalpino](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 1:20:39 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

GA-1 | Farming land that is naturally arid and giving it abundant water while depriving wildlife and humans is really not clear thinking. Upsetting the natural balance of nature will ultimately doom humans. Rethink shipping water south from No. California even though that decision has already been made. We are going to be in a drought, but we don't have to use up all the natural water ways.

GA-2 | I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.

GA-3 | Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.

GA-4 | I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.

GA-5 | While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.

GA-6 | Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.

GA-7 | Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Jane Dalpino Dalpino  
 Corte Madera, CA 94925  
[jdajane@comcast.net](mailto:jdajane@comcast.net)

**Response to Comment GA-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GA-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GA-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GA-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GA-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GA-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GA-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GB: Jerry Ludeke (March 20, 2020)****Letter GB**

**From:** [j@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:j@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jerry Ludeke](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 11:06:28 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

GB-1 | I  
Please protect all our water and our drinking water in particular....no more pesticide and fertilizer run offs! In the Central Coast and San Joaquin valley we love our children, our animals (wild and domestic), our farm workers, and ourselves. Please do what it takes to protect our region's water quality.

It is your home too!  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Ludeke  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
[j@ludeke.com](mailto:j@ludeke.com)

**Response to Comment GB-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.8.8; 2.1.1; 2.1.10; 2.1.16; 2.1.3; 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Letter GC: Jessica Kelson (March 20, 2020)****Letter GC**

**From:** [Jessicakelson@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Jessicakelson@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jessica Kelson](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Please Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 7:40:11 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GC-1 Please do all you can to protect our water quality. I know it seems onerous at first, but it is worth it in the short and long term — for the good of all. This is leadership: putting health first. Please be a good, strong leader and don't pretend that half measures or baby steps are enough!
- GC-2 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GC-3 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GC-4 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GC-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GC-6 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GC-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Jessica Kelson  
 Concord, CA 94518  
[Jessicakelson@hotmail.com](mailto:Jessicakelson@hotmail.com)

**Response to Comment GC-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GC-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GC-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GC-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GC-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GC-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GC-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GD: Jessie Cowley (March 20, 2020)****Letter GD**

**From:** [jessie.cowley.79@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jessie.cowley.79@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Jessie Cowley](#)  
**To:** [AqNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AqNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Please Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 6:56:21 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GD-1 I Thank you for the work that you're already doing to reduce water pollution from pesticide runoff. I believe it is critical to improve our water quality.
- GD-2 I Please, approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GD-3 I Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GD-4 I I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GD-5 I While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GD-6 I Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GD-7 I Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Jessie Cowley  
 Canoga Park, CA 91303  
[jessie.cowley.79@gmail.com](mailto:jessie.cowley.79@gmail.com)



**Response to Comment GD-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GD-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GD-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GD-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GD-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GD-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GD-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GE: Kacie Shelton (March 20, 2020)****Letter GE**

**From:** [kacie@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kacie@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kacie Shelton](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 11:59:31 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GE-1 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GE-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GE-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GE-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GE-5 Once groundwater is polluted, it is expensive and extremely time-consuming (if not impossible) to restore to safe drinking levels. Water is rapidly becoming our most precious commodity in California, and we can't afford to waste what we have.
- GE-6 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GE-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Kacie Shelton  
 Pasadena, CA 91101  
[kacie@ofb.net](mailto:kacie@ofb.net)

**Response to Comment GE-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment GE-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GE-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GE-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GE-5**

This comment is noted.

**Response to Comment GE-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GE-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GF: Kara Masters (March 20, 2020)****Letter GF**

**From:** [karabeaming@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:karabeaming@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of Kara Masters  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 11:44:35 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GF-1 Please approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GF-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GF-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GF-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GF-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GF-6 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Kara Masters  
 Topanga, CA 90290  
[karabeaming@gmail.com](mailto:karabeaming@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment GF-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GF-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GF-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GF-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GF-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GF-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GG: Kathie Jenni (March 20, 2020)****Letter GG**

**From:** [kljenni@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kljenni@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kathie Jenni](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 9:43:30 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GG-1 I've become super-conscious of health concerns lately due to the COVID-19 crisis. But I know that food poisoning from toxic run-off of pesticides and fertilizer pollution is a serious and continual threat, as well.
- GG-2 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GG-3 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GG-4 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GG-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GG-6 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GG-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Kathie Jenni  
 Beaumont, CA 92223  
[kljenni@verizon.net](mailto:kljenni@verizon.net)

**Response to Comment GG-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GG-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GG-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GG-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GG-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GG-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in the RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GG-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GH: Kathryn Wild (March 20, 2020)****Letter GH**

**From:** [kathrynwildphd@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kathrynwildphd@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of Kathryn Wild  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 7:37:56 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GH-1 I Approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat.
- GH-2 I Adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GH-3 I Adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GH-4 I Strengthen 4.0 beyond the current draft to better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GH-5 I REDUCE LOOPHOLES that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Wild  
San Diego, CA 92126  
[kathrynwildphd@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynwildphd@gmail.com)



**Response to Comment GH-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment GH-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GH-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GH-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GH-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in the RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Letter GI: Ken Wallace (March 20, 2020)****Letter GI**

**From:** [kennwallace@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kennwallace@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ken Wallace](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 8:06:13 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GI-1 I urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GI-2 It simply makes no sense whatsoever to destroy the very environment in which we grow our own food, nor the surrounding habitat used by people and wildlife.
- GI-3 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GI-4 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GI-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GI-6 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GI-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
 Ken Wallace  
 Sacramento, CA 95826  
[kennwallace@gmail.com](mailto:kennwallace@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment GI-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.3.2.

**Response to Comment GI-2**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GI-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GI-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GI-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GI-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GI-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GJ: Laura Jacobson (March 20, 2020)****Letter GJ**

**From:** [xtreemlite@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:xtreemlite@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Laura Jacobson](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 11:45:17 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GJ-1 I grew up in Salinas. I've long been concerned about the effects of pesticides and fertilizers on water tables in the area. Many people in the area depend on private wells for their water. I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GJ-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GJ-3 In addition, I urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GJ-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GJ-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. It needs to restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways so crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GJ-6 With both of these measures we will be able to meet our goals, cutting pollution. Please step up to support this effort that will ensure the Central Coast's water quality. I encourage and appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,  
 Laura Jacobson  
 Walnut Creek, CA 94595  
[xtreemlite@yahoo.com](mailto:xtreemlite@yahoo.com)

**Response to Comment GJ-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GJ-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GJ-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GJ-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GJ-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GJ-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GK: Mark Feldman (March 20, 2020)****Letter GK**

**From:** [happeevegan@evervactioncustom.com](mailto:happeevegan@evervactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mark Feldman](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY-WATER QUALITY — ADOPT A STRONG AGRICULTURAL ORDER 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 11:24:46 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GK-1 I'm writing TO DEMAND THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY APPROVE STRONG PROTECTIONS FOR WATER QUALITY AS YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DRAFT Agricultural Order 4.0.
- GK-2 As you know RUNOFF FROM farm pesticides and fertilizers DAMAGES drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order TAKES some important STEPS to REIN IN that pollution along the Central Coast, but it MUST DO MORE TO PROTECT THE REGION'S WATER QUALITY.
- GK-3 Specifically I STRONGLY urge you to ADOPT STRONG numeric application and DISCHARGE LIMITS FOR farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to ADOPT STRONG numeric discharge LIMITS FOR pesticides, WITH comprehensive TESTS FOR aquatic toxicity.
- GK-4 I also urge you to ADOPT THE MAXIMUM vegetated BUFFERS between all waterways and farm fields. THESE SETBACKS are an EFFECTIVE, LOW-COST WAY TO PROTECT water quality while PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR for wildlife habitat.
- GK-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses —IT MUST BE STRENGTHENED BEYOND THE CURRENT DRAFT. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GK-6 Finally the new order MUST REDUCE LOOPHOLES THAT LOOSEN PROTECTIONS FOR wetlands and riparian habitat. And it MUST RESTORE areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are CRUCIAL TO SAFEGUARDING WATER QUALITY.
- GK-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please TAKE IMMEDIATE STRONG STEPS TO ENSURE the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Mark Feldman  
 Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
[happeevegan@gmail.com](mailto:happeevegan@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment GK-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment GK-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GK-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GK-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GK-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GK-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GK-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GL: Mary Bull (March 20, 2020)****Letter GL**

**From:** [Chalicefarm@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Chalicefarm@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mary Bull](#)  
**To:** [AqNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AqNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 7:03:01 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GL-1 I am an organic farmer on the north coast of California. Just like global warming, run-off pollution from outmoded, destructive conventional farming practices must be addressed now—and quickly! There's a reason why Millennials hate us, the Boomers,—because we have trashed the world they are inheriting! And conventional agriculture is one of the worst offenders—polluters and wasters.
- GL-2 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GL-3 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GL-4 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GL-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GL-6 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GL-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Mary Bull  
 San Francisco, CA 94117  
[Chalicefarm@gmail.com](mailto:Chalicefarm@gmail.com)



**Response to Comment GL-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GL-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GL-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GL-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GL-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GL-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GL-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GM: Mary Church (March 20, 2020)****Letter GM**

**From:** [churchm94@evervationcustom.com](mailto:churchm94@evervationcustom.com) on behalf of [Mary Church](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 4:07:52 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GM-1 I am a native of the central coast. I am proud to live in such a beautiful and lush area. However, we can not compromise our water sources. In these times, it is important that we do whatever we can to stop toxins from coming into our water. As someone with a compromised immune system, this is important to me. Toxic water will tarnish the unique and beautiful landscape and wildlife we all enjoy. Please take this matter into your consideration. If we work together, we can find a solution. I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GM-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GM-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GM-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GM-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GM-6 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Mary Church  
 Hollister, CA 95023  
[churchm94@gmail.com](mailto:churchm94@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment GM-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GM-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GM-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GM-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GM-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GM-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GN: Mary Robinson (March 20, 2020)****Letter GN**

**From:** [Marsmail21@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Marsmail21@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mary Robinson](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 7:48:10 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GN-1 I Please approve strong protections for water quality with Agricultural Order 4.0. Also adopt strong discharge limits for fertilizers and pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GN-2 I I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields to improve water quality and provide benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GN-3 I Agricultural Order 4.0 must better protect aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law. It must strengthen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways.
- GN-4 I Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality.

Sincerely,  
Mary Robinson  
Sacramento, CA 95819  
[Marsmail21@gmail.com](mailto:Marsmail21@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment GN-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1; 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GN-2**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GN-3**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws; and wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section also includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources, including aquatic resources, endangered species, wetlands, and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of biological resources from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to the following Master Responses: 2.8.8 and 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GN-4**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GO: Megan Shumway (March 20, 2020)****Letter GO**

**From:** [meganshumway7881@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:meganshumway7881@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Megan Shumway](#)  
**To:** [AqNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AqNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 8:27:52 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GO-1 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GO-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GO-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GO-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GO-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GO-6 Personally, I have lived in this farming community. Nitrates are common in the water and not recommended for consumption. The poor do not have the resources to buy filtered water. As a Nurse I saw neurotube defects like anencephaly that are normal rare, but in 5 years in the area I saw several. Most nurses never see a case in their entire career! This is a result of 100 years of unregulated fertilization of the area fields.
- GO-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Megan Shumway  
Sacramento, CA 95821  
[meganshumway7881@gmail.com](mailto:meganshumway7881@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment GO-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GO-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GO-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GO-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GO-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GO-6**

This comment is noted.

**Response to Comment GO-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GP: Rita A (March 20, 2020)****Letter GP**

**From:** [ritaepa@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ritaepa@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rita A](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 7:04:20 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

Respectfully,

- GP-1 [ As a lifelong Californian and over four decade adult Rural American, please approve strong health and safety protections for water quality withIn the draft Agricultural Order 4.0.
- GP-2 [ Runoff from toxic agricultural pesticides and fertilizers poisons and compromises the real lives of infant-through-elder humans' and animals' drinking water, groundwater environments and wildlife habitats.
- GP-3 [ This new order must:
- GP-4 [ . ensure and address solutions that actively rein in pollution along the Central Coast
- GP-5 [ . do more to protect the region's water quality
- GP-6 [ . adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers
- GP-7 [ . adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity
- GP-8 [ . adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields
- GP-8 [ . establish setbacks that are an effective, economical way to improve water quality and benefit for wildlife habitat
- GP-9 [ To quote the Center for Biological Diversity:  
 "While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GP-10 [ Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality. Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution."
- GP-11 [ As 39,000,000 California's public servant employees, please responsibly address and ensure the health and safety of the Central Coast's water quality.
- GP-12 [ Rural Californian lives matter.
- GP-13 [ With appreciation for your time and thoughtful consideration. Every good intention.

Sincerely,  
 Rita A  
 Arcata, CA 95521  
[ritaepa@gmail.com](mailto:ritaepa@gmail.com)



**Response to Comment GP-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GP-2**

This comment is noted.

**Response to Comment GP-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment GP-4**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.10 and 2.3.2.

**Response to Comment GP-5**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.3.10.

**Response to Comment GP-6**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GP-7 through GP-8**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GP-9**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Responses 2.1.10 and 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GP-10**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GP-11**

This comment is noted.

**Response to Comment GP-12**

This comment is noted.

**Response to Comment GP-13**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GQ: Tamara Trussell (March 20, 2020)****Letter GQ**

**From:** [tamaratrussell@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:tamaratrussell@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Tamara Trussell](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 6:44:10 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GQ-1 [ The whole Central Coast is a treasure, filled with many hard working people who bring our food to us. There are small vibrant towns filled with families of children. We MUST PROTECT our water sources for them -- we do not want to become the next Flint, Michigan where people still do not trust their water sources. California has led the way in environmental standards that protect the health of her citizens and the health of the environment. Please do not take this appeal lightly.
- GQ-2 [ I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GQ-3 [ Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GQ-4 [ I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GQ-5 [ While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GQ-6 [ Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GQ-7 [ Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Tamara Trussell  
 San Rafael, CA 94901  
[tamaratrussell@gmail.com](mailto:tamaratrussell@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment GQ-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GQ-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GQ-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GQ-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GQ-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GQ-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GQ-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GR: Wesley Chuang (March 20, 2020)****Letter GR**

**From:** [wtchuang@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:wtchuang@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Wesley Chuang](#)  
**To:** [AqNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AqNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2020 6:28:56 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GR-1 I am constantly anxious about the food that we eat and the water that we drink. I am always buying produce that are vegan, resource smart, organic and local to reduce land, water, air, wildlife habitat pollution and other unintended socioeconomic and environmental impacts. It would be much better for Californians like me and everyone up and down the food supply chain if we can normalize eco-friendly, beyond sustainable, regenerative agricultural practices. That is why I am writing you with these requests:
- GR-2 1) I'm urging you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GR-3 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GR-4 2) I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GR-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GR-6 3) Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GR-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Wesley Chuang  
 Los Angeles, CA 90024  
[wtchuang@uci.edu](mailto:wtchuang@uci.edu)

**Response to Comment GR-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GR-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GR-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GR-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GR-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GR-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GR-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GS: Anne Greene (March 21, 2020)****Letter GS**

**From:** [annesami@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:annesami@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Anne Greene](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:43:55 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GS-1 Children and their families are depending on you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GS-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GS-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GS-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GS-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GS-6 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Anne Greene  
 Carmel, CA 93923  
[annesami@comcast.net](mailto:annesami@comcast.net)

**Response to Comment GS-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GS-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GS-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GS-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GS-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GS-6**

Thank you for your comment.



**Letter GT: Barbara Barnes (March 21, 2020)****Letter GT**

**From:** [barberic23@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:barberic23@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Barbara Barnes](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:01:36 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GT-1 I know you've got a lot on your plate right now, but we still need to consider the health of our nonhuman environment, and its connections to human health. So I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GT-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GT-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GT-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GT-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GT-6 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Barbara Barnes  
 San Francisco, CA 94110  
[barberic23@mac.com](mailto:barberic23@mac.com)

**Response to Comment GT-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GT-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GT-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GT-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GT-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GT-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GU: Carla Cicchi (March 21, 2020)****Letter GU**

**From:** [cats4dogslaughing@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:cats4dogslaughing@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Carla Cicchi](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Important - Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 3:07:18 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GU-1 [ It is imperative that you approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0.
- GU-2 [ As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GU-3 [ Specifically, you must adopt a strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. Further, you must also adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GU-4 [ You need to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GU-5 [ While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must also be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GU-6 [ Last, the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GU-7 [ Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution.
- GU-7 [ Please take all these strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality is there. You have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Carla Cicchi  
 Placerville, CA 95667  
[cats4dogslaughing@att.net](mailto:cats4dogslaughing@att.net)

**Response to Comment GU-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment GU-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GU-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GU-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GU-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GU-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GU-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GV: Charles Smith (March 21, 2020)****Letter GV**

**From:** [cssasmith@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:cssasmith@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Charles Smith](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:09:23 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GV-1 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GV-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GV-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GV-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GV-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GV-6 The central coast region is a leader in agriculture production. What we do here will help set good practices for agricultural areas across the United States. Let's be a visionary leader and establish good practices to reduce run off pollution.
- GV-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Charles Smith  
 San Jose, CA 95136  
[cssasmith@yahoo.com](mailto:cssasmith@yahoo.com)

**Response to Comment GV-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GV-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GV-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GV-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GV-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GV-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GV-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GW: Ellen Gachesa (March 21, 2020)****Letter GW**

**From:** [trueromanticlife@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:trueromanticlife@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ellen Gachesa](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:25:19 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GW-1 | STOP protecting corporate agriculture instead of the health of our planet!
- GW-1 | There MUST be stronger limits on pesticides and fertilizers and their pollution of our waterways!
- GW-2 | It is your duty to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GW-3 | Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GW-4 | I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GW-5 | While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GW-6 | Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GW-7 | Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Ellen Gachesa  
 Napa, CA 94558  
[trueromanticlife@gmail.com](mailto:trueromanticlife@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment GW-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment GW-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GW-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GW-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GW-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GW-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GW-7**

Thank you for your comment.



**Letter GX: Joe Gonzales (March 21, 2020)****Letter GX**

**From:** [iwillwireit@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:iwillwireit@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Joe Gonzales](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:27:57 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GX-1 The health of OUR environment and planet is MORE important than the profits of corporate agriculture!  
 The use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides must STOP and runoff into OUR waterways also must STOP!  
 Farmers are POISONING US!!
- GX-2 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GX-3 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GX-4 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GX-5 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GX-6 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GX-7 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Joe Gonzales  
 Napa, CA 94558  
[iwillwireit@yahoo.com](mailto:iwillwireit@yahoo.com)

**Response to Comment GX-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GX-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GX-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GX-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GX-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GX-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GX-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GY: Lisa Buckingham (March 21, 2020)****Letter GY**

**From:** [loba\\_sola@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:loba_sola@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Lisa Buckingham](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 3:44:25 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- GY-1 I Without clean, safe and protected water, we all suffer...terribly. No more bending to private profits and “progress”; time to get back to basics, because without that as a strong foundation, there is no future. Thank you for your time.
- GY-2 I I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- GY-3 I Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- GY-4 I I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- GY-5 I While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- GY-6 I Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- GY-7 I Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Lisa Buckingham  
 Stockton, CA 95204  
[loba\\_sola@yahoo.com](mailto:loba_sola@yahoo.com)

**Response to Comment GY-1**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment GY-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment GY-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment GY-4**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment GY-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GY-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project. In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment GY-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter GZ: Margaret Tilden (March 21, 2020)****Letter GZ**

**From:** [yellowkayak@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:yellowkayak@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Margaret Tilden](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:29:00 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

GZ-1 I I don't need to tell you how to do it, I'm sure you know, and if you think it is important enough, you will do it. I just want to remind you that water quality should be paramount as you move forward with Agricultural Order 4.0.

Thank you!!!

Sincerely,  
Margaret Tilden  
San Rafael, CA 94915  
[yellowkayak@me.com](mailto:yellowkayak@me.com)

**Response to Comment GZ-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Letter HA: Richard Bradus (March 21, 2020)****Letter HA**

**From:** [bradusr@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:bradusr@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of Richard Bradus  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Yes! Protect Our Water Quality - Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 10:46:23 PM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- HA-1 I am writing to urge you to adopt strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0.
- HA-2 In a region that produces much of the nation's best salad greens and other produce, the accompanying runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers unfortunately damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. While the proposed new order takes some important steps to reduce that pollution along the Central Coast, I believe that there are some additional measures that will better protect the region's water quality.
- HA-3 Firstly, I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. Such measures will not only reduce runoff that can lead to algal blooms along the coast but will also save farmers money by ending wasteful over-application of fertilizers. The same can be said for overuse of pesticides, so I encourage you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, coupled with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- HA-4 Another important step is to adopt sizable, maximal vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat. As a birdwatcher I know how beneficial such vegetated buffers can be in enhancing habitat and species diversity, with the additional benefit of enhancing the number and diversity of pollinators that are essential for so many agricultural products.
- HA-5 Lastly, particularly in view of the hostile recent rule-making (breaking?) of the current national administration, the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. This must include provisions to restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches and canals that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- HA-6 I encourage you to do all you can to protect the livelihoods of farmers and the land and water upon which we all depend. Taken together, these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution.
- HA-7 Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality, and the sustainability of our agricultural lands - for that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Richard Bradus  
 San Francisco, CA 94115  
[bradusr@sonic.net](mailto:bradusr@sonic.net)

**Response to Comment HA-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment HA-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment HA-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment HA-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.8.8.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HA-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HA-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment HA-7**

Thank you for your comment.



**Letter HB: Subir Trivedi (March 21, 2020)****Letter HB**

**From:** [subirtrivedi@evervationcustom.com](mailto:subirtrivedi@evervationcustom.com) on behalf of [Subir Trivedi](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** "Agricultural Order 4.0" should be made as strong as possible to protect habitats/species  
**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:42:34 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

HB-1 When it comes to food, I am extremely conscientious about how my choices ramify outwards and affect the broader sustainability of the food system and well-being of the environment. While I really try to focus on organic, local, small and family-owned farms, I realize this choice is not (yet) available to everyone. Given that pesticides and fertilizers play a role in farming, we need to think about how to minimize the ill effects of these things. Making the above mentioned agricultural order strong and thorough seems like a good way to start.

HB-2 The reality is that most people I know no longer trust the water supply in this country. For water used in cooking and drinking in my house, we first of all buy quadruple-filtered water in (reusable) containers from our local co-op grocer and then bring it home and again place it through a top-notch mineral filtration system. This may seem excessive, but the reality is that we live in one of the most polluted urban areas of the country, and we can taste the difference in our water when we do vs don't take these steps. Again, however, all this takes time and money and is not something that everyone can afford to do. It almost seems like people have started to take for granted that we no longer have the right to access clean, safe water in this country but have to sanitize it for ourselves (with respect to chemical contaminants such as from pesticides and fertilizers in particular). Wildlife, of course, can take no such steps to protect themselves, so it is up to us to do this.

HB-3 Here is what I would like to see done:

HB-4 (1) adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers.

HB-5 (2) adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.

HB-6 (3) adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields, since these setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.

HB-7 (4) reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat.

HB-8 (5) restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.

HB-8 In general, Agricultural Order 4.0 must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Subir Trivedi  
 Santa Monica, CA 90403  
[subirtrivedi@gmail.com](mailto:subirtrivedi@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment HB-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment HB-2**

Thank you for your comment. This comment is noted.

**Response to Comment HB-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10 and 2.3.2.

**Response to Comment HB-4**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment HB-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends the adoption of sizable vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of water quality, and align with the Proposed Project purpose and objectives.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.8.8

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HB-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HB-7**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment HB-8**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure

protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project. No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Letter HC: Anne Hodgkinson (March 23, 2020)****Letter HC**

**From:** [annehodgkinson+cbdiv@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:annehodgkinson+cbdiv@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Anne Hodgkinson](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality — Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0  
**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2020 3:20:34 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- HC-1 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat and that the Central Valley is already known for its high levels of pollution. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- HC-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- HC-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- HC-4 While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- HC-5 Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality, as well as helping honeybees and other important insect species.
- HC-6 Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
 Anne Hodgkinson  
 El Cerrito, CA 94530  
[annehodgkinson+cbdiv@gmail.com](mailto:annehodgkinson+cbdiv@gmail.com)

**Response to Comment HC-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.1.1 and 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment HC-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment HC-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment HC-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HC-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HC-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter HD: Varenka Lorenzi (March 23, 2020)****Letter HD**

**From:** [varenka.lorenzi@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:varenka.lorenzi@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Varenka Lorenzi](#)  
**To:** [AgNOI\\_WB@Waterboards](mailto:AgNOI_WB@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** Protect Endangered species by protecting our Water  
**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2020 12:36:40 AM

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EXTERNAL:

Dear California Water Boards,

- HD-1 [ As an environmental toxicologist I'm very concerned about the toxic chemicals contained in farm water runoff. Pesticides have almost caused the extinction of iconic California species such as the condor and the brown pelican in the recent past. I hope we can all learn from those lessons how all species are deeply connected to the aquatic environment so I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0.
- HD-2 [ As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.
- HD-3 [ Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.
- HD-4 [ I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.
- HD-5 [ While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- HD-6 [ Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- HD-7 [ Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
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 Long Beach, CA 90814  
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**Letter HD: Varenka Lorenzi (March 23, 2020)****Response to Comment HD-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment HD-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.10.

**Response to Comment HD-3**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1.

**Response to Comment HD-4**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment HD-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HD-6**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HD-7**

Thank you for your comment.

**Letter HE: Christopher Lish (April 5, 2020)****Letter HE**


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**From:** Chris Lish <lishchris@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** AgNOI, WB@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Protect Our Water Quality. Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0 -- Comments on Draft Ag Order

**EXTERNAL:**

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 3)  
 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
 San Luis Obispo, CA. 93401-7906

Subject: Protect Our Water Quality. Adopt a Strong Agricultural Order 4.0 -- Comments on Draft Ag Order

Dear Central Coast Water Board Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff and Board Members,

HE-1 I'm writing to urge you to approve strong protections for water quality as you move forward with the draft Agricultural Order 4.0. As you know runoff from farm pesticides and fertilizers damages drinking water, groundwater and wildlife habitat. This new order takes some important steps to rein in that pollution along the Central Coast, but it must do more to protect the region's water quality.

*"Our duty to the whole, including to the unborn generations, bids us to restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wildlife and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose and method."*  
 -- Theodore Roosevelt

HE-2 Specifically I urge you to adopt strong numeric application and discharge limits for farm nutrients such as fertilizers. And I urge you to adopt strong numeric discharge limits for pesticides, with comprehensive tests for aquatic toxicity.

*"These sprays, dusts, and aerosols are now applied almost universally to farms, gardens, forests, and homes-nonselective chemicals that have the power to kill every insect, the 'good' and the 'bad,' to still the song of birds and the leaping of fish in the streams, to coat the leaves with a deadly film, and to linger on in soil-all this though the intended target may be only a few weeds or insects. Can anyone believe it is possible to lay down such a barrage of poisons on the surface of the earth without making it unfit for all life? They should not be called 'insecticides,' [and 'herbicides,'] but 'biocides.'"*  
 -- Rachel Carson

HE-3 I also urge you to adopt the maximum vegetated buffers between all waterways and farm fields. These setbacks are an effective, low-cost way to improve water quality while providing benefits for wildlife habitat.



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cont. ↑ *"Then I say the Earth belongs to each generation during its course, fully and in its own right, no generation can contract debts greater than may be paid during the course of its own existence."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson
- HE-4 ↑ While Agricultural Order 4.0 does take some important steps to better protect water quality — especially for drinking water and other human uses — it must be strengthened beyond the current draft. And it must better protect the needs of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by both state and federal law.
- ↑ *"Every man who appreciates the majesty and beauty of the wilderness and of wild life, should strike hands with the farsighted men who wish to preserve our material resources, in the effort to keep our forests and our game beasts, game-birds, and game-fish—indeed, all the living creatures of prairie and woodland and seashore—from wanton destruction. Above all, we should realize that the effort toward this end is essentially a democratic movement."*  
-- Theodore Roosevelt
- HE-5 ↑ Finally the new order must reduce loopholes that loosen protections for wetlands and riparian habitat. And it must restore areas adjacent to man-made ditches that were once natural waterways and are crucial to safeguarding water quality.
- ↑ *"It is our task in our time and in our generation, to hand down undiminished to those who come after us, as was handed down to us by those who went before, the natural wealth and beauty which is ours."*  
-- John F. Kennedy
- HE-6 ↑ Together these measures will put us on a path to meeting our goals and cutting pollution. Please take strong steps to ensure the Central Coast's water quality knowing you have my full support.
- ↑ *"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."*  
-- Aldo Leopold
- HE-7 ↑ Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.
- Sincerely,  
Christopher Lish  
San Rafael, CA

**Response to Comment HE-1**

This comment is summarized and responded to in Master Response 2.1.1.

**Response to Comment HE-2**

This comment is summarized and responded to in the following Master Responses: 2.3.10; 2.3.2; and 2.5.1

**Response to Comment HE-3**

This comment is responded to in Master Response 2.8.8.

**Response to Comment HE-4**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of aquatic life and endangered species, as required by state and federal laws. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which presents applicable state and federal laws for the protection of aquatic and endangered species. This section includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections for biological resources. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of aquatic and endangered species from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.3.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HE-5**

Thank you for your comment. This comment recommends strengthening protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The commenter is encouraged to review Section 3.3 of the DEIR, which includes an impact analysis supporting the determination of impacts and recommended mitigation measures to ensure protections of wetlands and riparian habitat. The CCWB asserts that the proposed requirements in RAO 4.0 and DEIR mitigation measures are adequate for the protection of wetlands and riparian habitat from potential adverse impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

In addition, please refer to Master Response 2.1.16.

No changes to the DEIR have been made in response to this comment.

**Response to Comment HE-6**

Thank you for your comment.

**Response to Comment HE-7**

Thank you for your comment.