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Dear MID Landowner,

Madera Irrigation District (MID), like most water and other public agencies in California, is under increasing scrutiny by regulatory agencies. This letter serves as a reminder of Section 16 of the District's Rules and Regulations for the Distribution of Water:

SECTION 16: DISCHARGES INTO DISTRICT FACILITIES

16.01 All discharges of water into District conveyance or other facilities from any source, including but not limited to storm water, irrigation tail water and filter system flushing, are prohibited unless such discharges have been permitted or otherwise approved by the District.

16.02 All discharges of water into District conveyance or other facilities shall only be permitted if they are in compliance with all District, local, state, and federal criteria, standards, regulation, or laws pertaining to water quality or other pertinent factors.

16.03 All permitted discharges of water into District conveyance or other facilities are subject to immediate termination if such termination is necessary to comply with any District, local, state, or federal criteria, standards, regulation, or laws.

16.04 Water Users who use their on-farm delivery systems to deliver groundwater are responsible for preventing leakage back into District canals. District canal gates are designed to control flow leaving the canal, not prevent the back flow of water into the canal. Water users may need to install a hub-end or pressure gate to prevent back flow into District canals.

16.05 Water Users using agricultural chemicals or other substances in the vicinity of District water conveyance and delivery facilities shall take appropriate actions necessary to prevent over-spray, spillage or any other form of discharge that could contaminate District water supplies. Chemicals and contaminants including grease and oil leaks from irrigation pumps and equipment shall not be added into District facilities due to potential damage to meters and meter boxes and safety of District staff. Chemicals should only be added at landowner owned and operated facilities.

16.06 The District shall hold anyone who knowingly or negligently allows any pollutants to be discharged into the District facilities liable for all damages caused by pollutants and the cost of cleanup of all impacted areas.

Any questions regarding these regulations and/or your conformance with them should be directed to Charles Contreras, Operations and Maintenance Manager, or Sean Smith, District Engineer.