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AQUIFER EXEMPTION DISCUSSION SUMMARY

I would like to thank you and Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) staff for meeting with Central Valley Water Board staff on April 16th. The opportunity to discuss the underground injection control (UIC) program administered by the Division, and the Division's priorities and concerns was very beneficial.

As we discussed in the meeting, Central Valley Water Board staff is evaluating enforcement options related to the injection of oil field wastewater into aquifers for which an aquifer exemption under the Safe Drinking Water Act has not been granted. At a minimum, we would like to see a schedule under which evaluation of these injection activities will be completed and discharge ceased if an aquifer exemption is not appropriate.

We look forward to periodically meeting with DOGGR staff to discuss the aquifer exemption process and other items of joint interest to ensure that our missions are efficiently managed and goals achieved. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (559) 445-5102 or email at crodgers@waterboards.ca.gov.

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