NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO GROUND WATER PROTECTION AREAS

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 11346.8(c) and section 44 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is providing notice of changes made to the proposed text of section 6000 of Title 3, CCR, including the document "Ground Water Protection Areas 2017 (Rev. 8/17)" incorporated by reference. These changes are for the reasons stated below. The public comment period on the originally proposed regulatory action closed on August 7, 2018. The Director finds that the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text of the proposed action. The modified text is being made available to the public for 15 days, during which written comments on the modifications will be received as provided in Government Code section 11346.8(c).

DPR will accept written comments relevant to the modifications between December 4, 2018 and 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2018. Written comments relevant to the modifications may be sent via e-mail <dpr18001@cdpr.ca.gov>; or may be directed to Ms. Lauren Otani, Environmental Scientist, Department of Pesticide Regulation, 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, California 95812-4015. FAX: (916) 324-1491.

- Amend proposed section 6000 to revise the title and revision date of the document incorporated by reference within the definitions of "ground water protection area," "leaching ground water protection areas," and "runoff ground water protection areas." The title and revision date of the document incorporated by reference has been revised to "Ground Water Protection Areas 2018 (Rev. 10/18)."
- Amend the originally proposed document incorporated by reference, "Ground Water Protection Areas 2017 (Rev. 8/17)" as follows:
 - o Rename the document to "Ground Water Protection Areas 2018 (Rev. 10/18)" to reflect that the document has been updated.
 - O Revise the "Update" section by removing a sentence about GWPAs based on the California Vulnerability Modeling (CALVUL) approach. This sentence is not applicable to the proposed updates. The intent of this section is to provide a brief summary of the recent updates made to the existing document. The new proposed GWPAs added in this update are only based on pesticide detections, so this sentence is being removed to ensure the "Update" section accurately reflects that the new proposed sections are only based on detections and not based on CALVUL modeling.
 - Remove one originally proposed ground water protection area from Solano County (48M07N01E09). Based on reevaluation of the detection data, this section was determined to be contaminated from point-source pollution. Point-source contamination is not a qualifying factor for creating a GWPA, so this section should be removed from the originally proposed list to create additional GWPAs.
 - Add two new proposed GWPAs to Madera County (20M12S17E03 and 20M12S17E15).
 These sections were inadvertently not included in the list of originally proposed GWPAs.
 Section 20M12S17E03 is a leaching GWPA and section 20M12S17E15 is a runoff GWPA.
 - o Add maps of the fifteen affected counties to Appendix 2. These maps show the proposed GWPAs in relation to current GWPAs, and show data points for wells with pesticide

residues in the proposed GWPAs. During the public comment period, DPR received a request to include maps for the new GWPAs and to identify where the data points are located within those areas. These maps have been added as a visual aid.

Current wording of the regulation is shown in normal type. Originally proposed additions are shown by <u>underline</u>. Originally proposed deletions are shown by <u>strikeout</u>. New proposed deletions are indicated by *italies and strikeout*. New wording to be added by the modifications is shown in **bold double underline**.

All written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2018, which pertain to the indicated changes, will be reviewed and considered in this rulemaking. Please limit your comments to the modifications of the text.

This Notice of Modifications to Text of Proposed Changes and the text of modified regulations are also available on DPR's Internet Home Page http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>.

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Department of Pesticide Regulation