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Dear Secretary Ross, Chairwoman Marcus, Director Cowin, Director Ghilarducci and Director Bonham:

On behalf of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture I would like to extend our gratitude to each of you for once again dealing with an unprecedented drought year. The actions and policy decisions taken individually by your agencies and collaboratively through the Drought Task Force, while difficult, were in the best interest of California.

While we remain hopeful for an end to this drought period, we understand that difficult decisions may still lie ahead. California's farmers and ranchers will continue to do their part through continued water use efficiency, agricultural stewardship and on farm actions over this winter to recharge groundwater basins. California agriculture will continue to be a strong and effective partner in solving our state's drought.

We appreciated your continued engagement and communication with the agricultural community on water issues and look forward to further collaboration. If there is anything our Board can do to assist you in these efforts, please let me know.

Kind regards,


Craig McNamara
President



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