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Ms. Kati Buehler, Director
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Western Crop Protection Association
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Dear Ms. Buehler:

The next meeting of the Air Resources Board's (ARB) Air Quality and Agriculture Advisory Committee is scheduled for:

Date:	November 14, 2000
Time:	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location:	Harvest Hall, Room D-E Stanislaus Agricultural Center 3800 Cornucopia Way (Northeast corner of Service and Crows Landing Roads) Modesto, California 95358-9492

I look forward to continuing the productive discussion we began at the first meeting in July. We focused on the utility "standby charge" that presents a financial obstacle in conversion of agricultural water pumps from diesel-fueled engines to electric motors. My staff has researched the pending cases before the Public Utilities Commission that have the potential to impact this conversion. The Public Utilities Commission's process provides us with opportunities to affect its rulemaking. There are three cases pending before the Commission that could affect the conversion of agricultural pumps – they are discussed in the enclosed short briefing paper. Our efforts on this issue are complicated by this summer's electricity supply and price issues, but we should decide what steps the Committee wishes to pursue.

A copy of the preliminary agenda for our meeting is enclosed with this letter. As you can see, we have identified the following tentative agenda items for the upcoming meeting and welcome your comments on these topics and others that you may wish to discuss:

- Provide an update on the ARB's Risk Reduction Plan for Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles as it applies to agriculture; also provide an update on ARB's diesel retrofit committee meeting of November 3rd.

- Report on the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force's recommendations regarding air quality policy on agriculture burning and on a voluntary (incentive based) control measure policy.

We appreciate your participation in this collaborative effort to improve air quality and support agriculture in California and look forward to seeing you on November 14th. If you have questions or comments on the preliminary agenda topics, please contact me at (916) 445-4383.

Sincerely,

Mike

Michael P. Kenny
Executive Officer

Enclosures