Richard Price

The 2016 recipient of the Crystal Clear Award is Richard Price. Richard is the retired Butte County Agricultural Commissioner. In this role, Richard was instrumental in bridging the Regional Water Quality Control Board’s (Regional Board) understanding of Sacramento Valley agriculture as it implemented the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) and expanded the program to include groundwater quality. In June 2005, Richard, along with former Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner Mark Black, began implementation of a pilot program as a collaborative effort between the Regional Board and the Agricultural Commissioners’ offices in Butte and Glenn Counties. As part of this program, the Commissioners’ developed maps that show cropping patterns, pesticide use, and management practices to help the Regional Board gain a better understanding of the agricultural practices. This information is the foundational element of showcasing the successful efforts by Sacramento Valley agriculture to sustainably manage their operations and improve water quality.

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