

# Ag Order Renewal Discussion

August 2016

# July Board Item Summary

# Lifespan of Waivers

- Conditional Waivers: maximum five year term
- March 14, 2012: Current Ag Order (Waiver) adopted
- Ag Order expires March 14, 2017

# Nomenclature for Discussion

- 2004 Ag Order: version 1.0
- 2012 Ag Order: version 2.0
- 2017 Ag Order: version 3.0
- Version 20XX Order: version 4.0

# Pending Proceedings

- Monterey Coastkeeper vs State Water Board
  - Status: in appeal (12-18 month resolution)
- East San Joaquin Agricultural Order
  - Status: petitioned to State Board (early 2017)
- Triangle/Rava Ranches vs Cen. Coast Water Board
  - Status: pending superior court ruling (months)
- Zamora/Environmental Law Foundation vs Central Coast Water Board
  - Status: pending superior court ruling (months)
- **Impact on future ag order requirements**

# Outreach and Timing

- Outreach Efforts
- Draft Order
- Public Draft by November
- Issue of time availability

# Summary for Replacing 2.0

- March 2017 board meeting
  - Ag Order 3.0 for adoption
- Ag Order 3.0 Components
  - Necessary date changes
  - Largely unchanged from 2.0
  - Limited lifespan; 5-yr and replacing w/4.0 ASAP
- MRPs (separate slide)
  - Surface water monitoring required in 2017
  - Groundwater monitoring required in 2017
- Developing 4.0 during 3.0 implementation

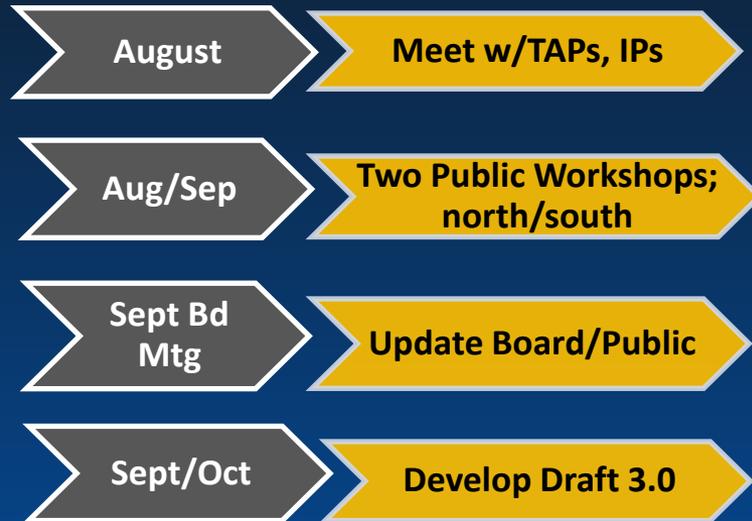
# 2017 Monitoring

- Notification on the following
- Groundwater monitoring required
  - Primary irrigation well
  - All domestic use wells
  - 2 samples from each (1<sup>st</sup>: March-June; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept-Dec)
- Inclusion in surface receiving water requirements:
  - Pyrethroids
  - Neonicotinoids
  - *Hyalella* (sensitive to pyrethroids)
  - *Chironomus* (sensitive to neonicotinoids)

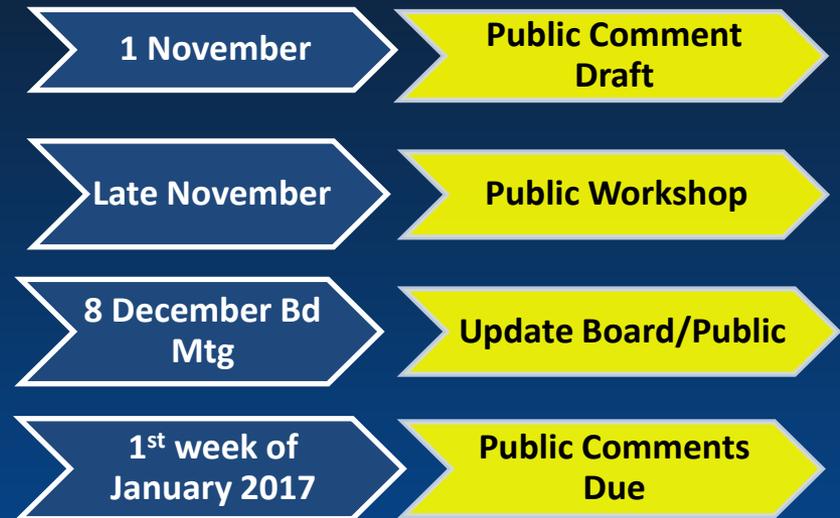
# Opportunity of Future 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Efforts

- Third Party Approval Process Development
  - Expectations
- Potential Work of Third Party
  - Surface water monitoring
  - Groundwater monitoring
  - Permit fee handling
  - Individual requirements
  - Follow-up on water quality issues
- More on this in months ahead

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# March 2017 Ag Order (3.0)

- Board generally agreed with staff recommendation
- 3.0 largely like current Ag Order
- 3.0 contains updated compliance dates
- 3.0 likely renewed in less than five years
- 4.0 development accelerated
- 2017 monitoring requirements
- Keep Board informed regularly

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## Compliance Dates:

- eNOI/Annual Compliance Form Updates
- Total Nitrogen Applied
- Photo Monitoring
- Irrigation and Nutrient Mngt. Effectiveness
- Water Quality Buffer Plans

# Discussion

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