

Future Agricultural Order Outreach Events and Presentations

Scheduled date	<u>Pending meetings</u>
August 16, 2010	<i>California Farm Bureau</i>
August 17, 2010	<i>EDC, Monterey Coastkeeper, Ocean Conservancy</i>
August 18, 2010	<i>Meeting with the Nursery group</i>
August 19, 2010	<i>San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau</i>

Current public outreach efforts are engaging diverse stakeholder representation, providing effective opportunities for public input, and producing meaningful constructive feedback on the Agricultural Order. Staff is already changing the preliminary draft Agricultural Order based on feedback received from stakeholders and will continue to consider input throughout the process to renew the Agricultural Order.

The following are examples of changes staff is already considering:

- **removing conditions related to rainwater and containerized plants;**
- **clarifying the intent to address irrigation runoff in the short term with immediate conditions vs. tile drains in the long term;**
- **removing “tributaries” as a consideration for prioritizing farming operations in close proximity to impaired waterbodies for more stringent or immediate conditions;**
- **revising the table of high risk pesticides;**
- **revising aquatic habitat conditions;**
- **revising the level of prescription in conditions vs. required outcomes;**
- **using something other than the Farm Plan as a compliance document;**
- **including evaluations or milestones for pollutant loading in exchange, or in addition to, pollutant concentrations**
- **evaluating additional ways to define tiers of dischargers and associated conditions based on relative risk to water quality;**
- **evaluating additional options for monitoring and reporting**

Staff will continue to reach out to and meet with stakeholders, including municipalities, water purveyors, homeowners, farmers, and others to inform the development of the next draft version of the Agricultural Order.