

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

RESOLUTION NO. R1-2013-0026

IN APPRECIATION OF

THE NORTH COAST DAIRY COMMUNITY
AND INTERESTED PARTIES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NORTH COAST DAIRY
PROGRAM IN THE PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2012 the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) adopted permits (the Dairy Program) to regulate the discharge of waste from dairies in the north coast; and

WHEREAS, The North Coast dairy community and the staffs of the Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), California Dairy Quality Assurance Program (CDQAP), University California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), Western United Dairymen (WUD), the County Farm Bureaus, and the environmental community were actively engaged in the development of the Dairy Program since the scoping process began in 2010, including participation in the public scoping process, attending Regional Water Board meetings, and reviewing the draft Orders; and

WHEREAS, Since adoption of the Dairy Program, special representatives of these resource agencies have assisted dairy operators in complying with the requirements of the Dairy Program by hosting workshops on reporting requirements and providing technical assistance, administering grants and matching funds to support construction of dairy infrastructure improvements necessary to protect water quality, and assisting dairy operators in developing group surface water and groundwater monitoring plans in order to assess the effectiveness of the Dairy Program; and

WHEREAS, These specialists have shared their expertise in soil conservation, agricultural engineering, and plant science, and their knowledge of the dairy industry to provide critical technical assistance and to serve as a liaison between the dairy operators and Regional Water Board staff; and

WHEREAS, The dairy owners, operators, their families, and employees have attended CDQAP Dairy Program compliance workshops, worked with the RCDs and NRCS to complete reporting requirements, opened their businesses to Regional Water Board staff to conduct assessments, and implemented onsite water quality improvements as necessary; and

WHEREAS, The environmental community has shown marked interest in the successful development and implementation of the Dairy Program, in an effort to preserve working landscapes while protecting the surface water and groundwater quality of the north coast.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, and on behalf of staff, express their sincere appreciation to the entire North Coast dairy community and the staffs of the Resource Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service, California Dairy Quality Assurance Program, University of California Cooperative Extension, Western United Dairymen, the County Farm Bureaus, and the environmental community for their contributions to the successful development and implementation of the North Coast Regional Water Board's Dairy Program.

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