

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
9:00 A.M., Thursday, May 2, 2013
Wharfinger Building
Eureka, CA

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SUBJECT: Consideration of 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.

BOARD ACTION: Consider adoption of Order No. R1-2013-0026.

BACKGROUND: On January 19, 2012, the Regional Water Board adopted the following Orders comprising the North Coast Dairy Program -

R1-2012-0001: NPDES permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

R1-2012-0002: General Waste Discharge Requirements for North Coast Cow Dairies

R1-2012-0003: Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Cow Dairies

In the past 15 months since adoption of the Dairy Program, staff has engaged with the dairy community and worked with a wide range of specialists from the Resource Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service, California Dairy Quality Assurance Program, University of California Cooperative Extension, Western United Dairymen, County Farm Bureaus, and the environmental community. To date, 100 percent of the cow dairies in our region are enrolled in the program:

- 123 dairies are enrolled under the Waiver,
- 3 dairies are enrolled under the GWDR, and
- 0 dairies are enrolled under the NPDES permit.

Key accomplishments include:

- 97 percent of the dairies are compliant with submittals, only 4 dairies have outstanding or unresolved Notices of Violation for failure to submit Water Quality Plans (a Waiver requirement) or Annual Reports (a GWDR requirement) due last Fall;
- 63 percent of the dairies have had an onsite Water Quality Assessment performed by Regional Water Board and Tetra Tech consulting staff;

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- 43 percent of dairies have completed or are completing Nutrient Management Plans;
- 62 percent of the dairies are certified organic; and
- 100% of the dairies are pasture based.

Staff has prepared a resolution for the North Coast dairy community and staff of the organizations listed in appreciation of their participation in this Program.

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS: Resolution No. R1-2013-0026

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