

## Mitigated Negative Declaration

This statement and attachments constitute the Mitigated Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for the project described below.

**Posting Date:** September 28, 2015  
**To State Clearinghouse:** September 28, 2015  
**Comment Period:** September 28, 2015, to October 27, 2015  
**Proposed Adoption Date:** November 19, 2015

**Project Name:** Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Mello 3/Llano Oaks Dairy, Sonoma County, California

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**Project Description:** This Project consists of development of a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for dairy operations and related land management activities conducted by the Mello family for Mello 3/Llano Oaks Dairy located at 3915 Llano Road, Santa Rosa, in the Russian River Basin, Sonoma County, California.

If adopted, the Regional Water Board would prescribe the Conditional Waiver for discharges, or threatened discharges, of wastes (e.g., earthen materials such as soil, silt, sand, clay, and rock), and organic materials (e.g., slash, sawdust, bark, nutrients, and manure), from dairy operations and related land management activities on lands operated by the Mello family in the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed. Activities covered by the Waiver include farming, milking operations, grazing animals, maintenance, reconstruction of a building, manure application to land, and water quality monitoring.

**Project Location:** 3915 Llano Road, Santa Rosa, Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed, tributary to the Russian River in Sonoma County, California.

**Environmental Finding:** The project will not have a significant effect on the environment with incorporation of mitigations.

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**Other Agencies Who's Approval May be Required:** None

**Public Hearing:** November 19, 2015, Regional Water Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Attachments:** Initial Study; Proposed Order No. R1-2015-0051 for Mello 3/Llano Oaks Dairy, in the Laguna de Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

**How to Submit Comments:** The Lead Agency invites comments on the proposal from all interested persons and parties. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 27, 2015. Written comments should be addressed to [Northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov) or North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at the address/fax provided above. Written and/or oral comments will also be accepted at the public hearing.

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