

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**DAIRY
Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements,
General Waste Discharge Requirements, and
NDPES General Permit (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System)**

Date:	July 20, 2010	July 22, 2010
Time:	6:00 to 9:00 pm At the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board DCJ Room	6:00 to 9:00 pm At the Agricultural Center Auditorium
Address:	5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A Santa Rosa, CA 95403	5630 Broadway Street Eureka, CA

Development of Regional Permitting for Dairies

Regional Water Quality Control Boards are required by the State Nonpoint Source Policy to develop permits for all nonpoint source discharges associated with dairy activities in the North Coast Region. Federal regulations require that dairies meet certain criteria and those that discharge or may discharge waste to waters of the United States need to obtain federal permits. To meet these mandates, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff (Regional Water Board) has initiated the development of:

- A draft general National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO)
- draft General Waste Discharge Requirements (GWDRs) for Dairies
- draft Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Waiver of WDRs) for Dairies

At the January 21, 2010, Regional Water Board meeting, staff presented reasons for regulating dairies in the North Coast Region including concern for nutrient enrichment of surface and ground waters, the need to address the timing and distribution of waste disposal in a more structured fashion, and the federal regulations that need to be enforced at the State level.

Purpose of Workshop:

Gain useful insight into the approach for water quality regulation of dairies from the industry and interested public. The Regional Water Board is asking for input to waste discharge requirements (WDRs), waiver of WDRs, and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES general permit) that will be developed in the next six months for milk cow dairy operations in the North Coast Region. Water Board Staff will present the basic concept of regulation, then hear from the dairy industry and interested persons on the approach.

Welcome Remarks

Gita Kaphi, California Office of Public Participation
Bob Klamt, Chief, Nonpoint Source Division, NCRWQCB – Santa Rosa Meeting
Mark Neely, Senior Engineering Geologist, NCRWQCB – Eureka Meeting

Introductions

Cherie Blatt, Staff (draft General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver WDRs)
Lisa Bernard, Staff (draft NPDES general permit)
Bob Klamt, Chief, Timber and Nonpoint Source Division
Mark Neely, Senior, Nonpoint Source Unit

Paul Martin, Western United Dairymen
 Leslie Corp, Western United Dairymen
 Farm Bureau Representatives
 Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs)
 Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
 University of California Cooperative Extension
 Dairymen
 Media
 General Public
 Others

Announcements

Restrooms
 Fire and Life Safety (point out the exits)
 Attendance Sign In
 Mail list /email list sign up to receive future announcements and draft products
 Courtesy Ground Rules

Meeting Procedure

Facilitator will explain:
 Goals of the meeting,
 How the workshop will proceed,
 Staff will present the material,
 How audience comments will be addressed,
 How questions will be handled, and
 Flip chart recording of ideas and concerns.

<i>Time/description</i>	<i>Name</i>
<i>6:00 – 6:15 pm Welcome and introductions</i>	<i>Gita Kapahi Bob Klamt (Santa Rosa) Mark Neely (Eureka)</i>
<i>6:15 – 6:40 pm Program overview</i>	<i>Cherie Blatt Lisa Bernard</i>
<i>6:40 – 7:00 pm Western United Dairymen</i>	<i>Paul Martin Leslie Corp</i>
<i>7:00– 7:15 pm Break</i>	
<i>7:-15 – 8:45 pm Mind Chart Public comment</i>	<i>Gita, explains process</i>
<i>8:45 – 9:00 pm Meeting wrap up and Next Steps</i>	<i>Gita</i>

Thank you for coming. Please contact North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff if you have further questions or concerns:

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The Dairy Program can be found on our website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/dairies/