

# **Milk Cow Dairy Workshop: Regulation Through Permits and Conditional Waiver**

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER  
QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

**Item No. 11**  
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# Workshop Outline

- Dairy Regulations Overview
- North Coast Dairy Program
- Public Participation
- Next Steps
- Public Comments

# Regulations

- Federal Clean Water Act
  - New CAFO Rules (2008)
  - Point Source Discharges
- California Code of Regulations Title 27
- California Water Code
- Basin Plan
- Nonpoint Source Policy (2004)

# North Coast Dairy Statistics

- Approximately 150 Dairies in the Region
  - Most Located in Sonoma & Humboldt
  - Important Element of Agricultural Economy
- Current Permitting
  - 6 Covered Under Industrial Storm Water Permit
  - 1 Under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR)

# North Coast Dairy Program Tiered Regulatory Options

Federal  
permit  
(NPDES)

State  
permit  
(GWDR)

State  
conditional  
waiver

# North Coast Dairy Program

Each Regulatory Option Will Include:

- Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)
- Monitoring
- Reporting

# Stakeholders

- Agricultural Community
- Environmental Groups
- Government Agencies
- Public

# Outreach

- Attended Meetings and Training
- Toured 14 Dairies
- Posted Information on the Web
- Mailed Public Notices and Surveys
- Coordinated with Other Agencies
- Continue to Engage Stakeholders



# Training

- Attended 2 UC Davis Extension Ranch Water Quality Workshops – Petaluma, Eureka
- Participated in Ranch Planning Workshop - Two Rock
- Toured 14 Dairies – Sonoma, Humboldt

# Coordination

- Western United Dairymen
- Farm Bureau
- Regions 2 & 5 Dairy Program Staff
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- UC Davis Extension
- NRCS, Local RCDs
- Environmental Community

# Public Meetings

- 3 Public Meetings
  - 2 Workshops - Santa Rosa, Eureka (July 2010)
  - 1 CEQA Scoping Meeting (January 2011)
- Feedback
  - Cost, Time, Work
  - Privacy
  - Regulation of Other Animal Facilities
  - Protection of Water Quality
  - Maintain Open Space & Agricultural Landscape

# Next Steps

- CEQA Scoping Closes Feb 11
- 45 day Public Review & Comment Period
  - GWDR
  - Conditional Waiver
  - CEQA Initial Study
  - NPDES
- Program Status Update - Spring 2011  
Regional Board Meeting

# Next Steps

- Revisions and Response to Comments
- Regional Board Hearing –Summer 2011
  - GWDR
  - Conditional Waiver
  - CEQA Initial Study
  - NPDES
- 35 Onsite Assessments
  - First 10 by June 30

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**Questions  
and  
Public Comments**