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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Program Enrollment for Waste Discharges from Dairies and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in the North Coast Region: General NPDES No. CAG011001 Order No. R1-2012-0001; General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2012-0002; and Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2012-0003;

File: Dairy Program File

On January 19, 2012, at a public hearing in Santa Rosa, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Order No. R1-2012-0001, General NPDES No. CAG011001; Order No. R1-2012-0002, General Waste Discharge Requirements (GWDR); and Order No. R1-2012-0003, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Waiver). The three Orders comprise the Dairy and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) Regulatory Program for the North Coast Region.

All cow dairies in the North Coast Region must be enrolled under one of the three permits by completing and submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Regional Board for that Order, no later than **April 30, 2012**. For instance, dairy operators may submit a NOI for the Waiver if they meet the requirements of the Waiver Order. There is no fee for the Waiver. Dairies that potentially discharge to waters of the State, pose a higher risk to water quality, or do not meet the Waiver requirements at this time, must submit a NOI for the General Waste Discharge Requirements (GWDR). Both NOI forms are attached for your convenience, but only one form needs to be completed and submitted by the due date for a given facility. Applications for the GWDR require a fee. The 2011-2012 Fee Schedule for the GWDR is enclosed.

The NPDES permit Order R1-2012-0001 is reserved for dairies and CAFOs that discharge waste to surface or groundwater. A Nutrient Management Plan is required to be submitted at the time of enrollment in the NPDES permit. Please contact our office in advance if you plan to enroll in the NPDES permit.

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Workshops will be held in early April to assist dairy operators in understanding the dairy permit options and with filling out the Notice of Intent form. Please look for future announcements within the next few weeks regarding these workshops.

Electronic copies of the Orders, including the Monitoring and Reporting Programs, the NOI and associated documents, can be accessed through the Regional Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/dairies/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/dairies/)

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding this permit, please contact Cherie Blatt of my staff by telephone at (707) 576-2755 or by e-mail at [cblatt@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:cblatt@waterboards.ca.gov)

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this project; please feel free to contact me at (707) 576-2689 or by e-mail at [mneely@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mneely@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Intent, General Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R1-2012-0002
2. Notice of Intent, Conditional Waiver of WDRs, Order No. R1-2012-0003
3. 2011-2012 Fee Schedule

cc: electronic Lyris mailing list for the Dairy/CAFO Program



<p><b>B. Facility Operator:</b> <u>Operator Name:</u> _____ <u>Operator Address:</u> _____ _____ <u>Contact Person:</u> _____ <u>Phone:</u> _____</p>	<p><b>C. Facility Location:</b> <u>Assessor's Parcel Numbers:</u> <u>Currently Owned:</u> _____ _____ _____ <u>Currently Leased:</u> _____ _____ _____</p>	
<p><b>D. Landowner:</b> <u>Landowner Name:</u> _____ <u>Address:</u> _____ <u>Contact Person:</u> _____ <u>Phone:</u> _____</p>	<p><b>E. Maximum Size of Herd without expanding infrastructure:</b>  Maximum design capacity of current facility. Report in # of dairy cows (milking + dry) : _____  Maximum # of other dairy cattle: _____</p>	

**SECTION III. BILLING ADDRESS**

<p>Name: _____</p>	<p>Address: _____</p>
<p>City, State, Zip: _____</p>	
<p>Contact Person: _____</p>	<p>Phone: _____</p>

**SECTION IV. RECEIVING WATER INFORMATION**

What watershed and subwatershed is the facility located in?

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**SECTION V. IMPLEMENTATION OF WAIVER CONDITIONS**

A. STATEWIDE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CONFINED ANIMAL FACILITIES *(check if true)*

Facility will be operating in compliance with Statewide Minimum Standards for Discharges of Animal Waste (Title 27 see Attachment B)

Facility will be currently operating in compliance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 122.23(e) and 122.42 (e)(1)(vi)-(IX) that states that Large Concentrated Animal Facilities with 700 or more dairy cows (milking + dry) must have a Nutrient Management Plan. (See Monitoring and Reporting Program - Appendix 2).

B. FACILITY / OPERATION MANAGEMENT *(check if true)*

All prohibitions in the GWDR will be complied with while this dairy is covered under the GWDR.

Manure ponds and manure containment facilities will be managed in accordance with the GWDR.

All non-manure wastes such as silage leachate, dead animals, waste milk, veterinary medical waste, spoiled feed, bedding, etc., will be contained and managed in accordance with the GWDR.

C. MONITORING PROGRAM *(check if true)*

The Monitoring and Reporting Program will be reviewed and all tasks will be conducted as required.  
Please check one regarding required surface water sampling:

The dairy will participate in group surface water monitoring.

The dairy will perform individual surface water monitoring.

D. Is your dairy California Dairy Quality Assurance Program (CDQAP) certified? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION VI. CERTIFICATION**

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction and supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. In addition, I certify that the provisions of the GWDR, including the implementation of a Monitoring Program Plan, will be complied with."

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





<b>D. Landowner:</b> <b>Landowner Name:</b> _____ <b>Address:</b> _____ <b>Contact Person:</b> _____ <b>Phone:</b> _____	<b>E. Maximum Size of Herd without expanding infrastructure:</b> Maximum design capacity of current facility. Report in # of dairy cows (milking + dry): _____ Maximum # of other dairy cattle: _____	
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<b>B. FACILITY / OPERATION MANAGEMENT (check if true)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All prohibitions in the Waiver will be complied with while this dairy is covered under the Waiver. <input type="checkbox"/> Manure ponds and manure containment facilities will be managed in accordance with the Waiver. <input type="checkbox"/> All non-manure wastes such as silage, leachate, dead animals, waste milk, veterinary medical waste, spoiled feed, bedding, etc., will be contained and managed in accordance with the Waiver.

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2011-12 Fee Schedules

(c) The annual fees for discharges from confined animal facilities shall be based on the following schedules, plus applicable surcharge(s).

<b>FEEDLOTS</b>	
Type of Facility	
Number of Animals	Fee
<b>Cattle or Cow/Calf Pairs</b>	
100,000 or more	\$5,351
10,000 to 99,999	\$2,675
5,000 to 9,999	\$1,427
1,000 to 4,999	\$713
Less than 1,000	\$357
<b>Calves</b>	
10,000 or more	\$5,351
5,000 to 9,999	\$2,675
1,000 to 4,999	\$1,427
300 to 999	\$713
Less than 300	\$357
<b>Heifers (not at a dairy)</b>	
10,000 or more	\$5,351
5,000 to 9,999	\$2,675
1,000 to 4,999	\$1,427
300 to 999	\$713
Less than 300	\$357
<b>Finishing Yards/Auction Yards</b>	
1,000 or more	\$1,427
300 to 999	\$713
Less than 300	\$357

<b>DAIRIES</b>	
Type of Facility	
Number of Animals	Fee
<b>Mature Dairy Cattle</b>	
3,000 or more	\$7,134
1,500 to 2,999	\$4,459
700 to 1,499	\$2,140
300 to 699	\$1,070
Less than 300	\$535
<b>Goat Dairies</b>	
1,000 or more	\$713
Less than 1,000	\$357
<b>HOGS</b>	
<b>Swine (&gt; 55 pounds)</b>	
5,000 or more	\$2,675
2,500 to 4,999	\$1,427
750 to 2,499	\$713
Less than 750	\$357
<b>Swine (&lt; 55 pounds)</b>	
20,000 or more	\$2,675
10,000 to 19,999	\$1,427
3,000 to 9,999	\$713
Less than 3,000	\$357
<b>OTHER</b>	
<b>Horses</b>	
500 or more	\$1,427
150 to 499	\$713
Less than 150	\$357
<b>Sheep or Lambs</b>	
10,000 or more	\$1,427
3,000 to 9,999	\$713
Less than 3,000	\$357

## 2011-12 Fee Schedules

<b>POULTRY</b>		
<b>Number of Animals</b>	<b>On-Site Discharge Fee</b>	<b>Off-Site Discharge Fee</b>
<b>Layers or Broilers (liquid manure system)</b>		
120,000 or more	\$3,567	\$1,249
60,000 to 119,999	\$1,784	\$892
30,000 to 59,999	\$1,338	\$624
9,000 to 29,999	\$713	\$357
Less than 9,000	\$357	\$0
<b>Non-layers (other than liquid manure system)</b>		
500,000 or more	\$3,567	\$1,249
250,000 to 499,999	\$1,784	\$892
125,000 to 249,999	\$1,338	\$624
37,500 to 124,999	\$713	\$357
Less than 37,500	\$357	\$0
<b>Layers (other than liquid manure system)</b>		
350,000 or more	\$3,567	\$1,249
165,000 to 349,999	\$1,784	\$892
82,000 to 164,999	\$1,338	\$624
25,000 to 81,999	\$713	\$357
Less than 25,000	\$357	\$0
<b>Ducks (other than liquid manure system)</b>		
120,000 or more	\$3,567	\$1,249
60,000 to 119,999	\$1,784	\$892
30,000 to 59,999	\$1,338	\$624
10,000 to 29,999	\$713	\$357
Less than 10,000	\$357	\$0
<b>Ducks (liquid manure system)</b>		
20,000 or more	\$1,784	
5,000 to 19,999	\$1,338	
1,500 to 4,999	\$713	
Less than 1,500	\$357	
<b>Turkeys</b>		
200,000 or more	\$3,567	\$1,249
100,000 to 199,999	\$1,784	\$892
55,000 to 99,999	\$1,338	\$624
16,500 to 54,999	\$713	\$357
Less than 16,500	\$357	\$0

(1) Facilities that are certified under a Quality Assurance Program approved by the State Board or under a County regulatory program approved by the appropriate Regional Board, will receive a 50 percent fee reduction. Any facility that is issued a notice of violation by a Regional Board for an off-property discharge shall not be eligible to receive this fee reduction for a minimum of one billing cycle, and for all subsequent billing cycles until recertification and all corrective actions are complete as determined by the Regional Board.

(2) Facilities that pose no potential to discharge, as determined by a Regional Board, shall pay a fee of \$357. The fee shall be paid each time an application for initial certification or renewal is submitted and shall not be subject to ambient water monitoring surcharges.