

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
Thursday, June 20, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Town of Yucca Valley Community Center
Yucca Room
57090 Twentynine Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

ITEM: 15

SUBJECT: General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in the Colorado River Basin Region – General Order R7-2013-0800 (CAG017001) (Renewal)

DISCUSSION: On September 27, 1995, the Board adopted Order 95-700, General Waste Discharge Requirements for CAFOs including dairies, within the Colorado River Basin Region (NPDES No. CAG017001). General Order 95-700 consolidated all requirements for CAFOs, including those for storm water runoff, into a single permit. For all CAFOs, once enrollment was granted under that General Order, other permits issued by the Regional Water Board and enrollment under State Water Resources Control Board General Industrial Storm Water Permit (State Water Board Order 91-03-DWQ) were terminated. On March 14, 2001 the Regional Water Board adopted General Order 01-800, superseding General Order 95-700. General Order 01-800 satisfied the criteria cited in section 122.28 and, as such, served as a General NPDES Permit.

On June 25, 2008, the Regional Water Board adopted General Order R7-2008-0800, which superseded General Order 01-800. To date, 30 CAFOs have been enrolled under General Order R7-2008-0800, which expires on June 25, 2013. Some of the CAFOs currently enrolled under General Order R7-2008-0800 want to continue to discharge wastes. Therefore, it is necessary to renew the Waste

Discharge Requirements contained in General Order R7-2008-0800. The proposed Order replaces General Order R7-2008-0800.

At the public workshop held on May 8, 2013, National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS), which provides technical assistance to our enrollees in developing comprehensive nutrient management plans, requested that we set the effective date to September 30, 2014 to allow time for NRCS to work with our enrollees. Several of the enrollees also requested time to work with NRCS to get into compliance. In addition, Regional Water Board staff is shifting permit effective dates to be able to have a more uniform workload for the upcoming years. We have discussed this effective date change with the State Water Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency and have their support.

The effective date for the permit is September 30, 2014 to allow time for new dischargers to meet the requirement changes in the permit for the nutrient management plan and provide a more uniform annual workload.

This updated General Order has incorporated up-to-date requirements of the Colorado River Basin Plan, Federal and State laws, including USEPA's regulations for CAFOs and proposes an effective date of September 30, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: The attached General Order R7-2013-0800 be adopted.