NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RENEWAL OF CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING COW DAIRIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will hold a public meeting on May 13, 2015 to consider renewing the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Existing Dairies (Conditional Waiver). The Conditional Waiver applies to existing dairy operations and their associated grazing operations within the Region.

The Conditional Waiver is consistent with the State Water Resources Control Board’s 2004 Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program. The 2004 Policy requires all sources of nonpoint source pollution be regulated through waste discharge requirements (WDRs), through waivers of WDRs, or through prohibitions.

The public hearing information is as follows:

Date: May 13, 2015
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Location: Elihu Harris State Building
First Floor Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, California 94612

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Materials: The proposed Conditional Waiver will be available online beginning March 18, 2015 at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.shtml

The 30-day public comment period for the proposed Conditional Waiver will begin on March 18, 2015, and will end at 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2015. All written comments on the proposed
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Conditional Waiver are due by this date to the staff contact identified above. Additionally, all evidence, testimony, and exhibits to be offered at the hearing must be submitted in writing by this date to the above staff contact. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the hearing need not be submitted in advance.

Prior to the hearing, Water Board staff will post on the above website any proposed changes to the proposed Conditional Waiver, along with written responses to comments received during the public comment period. The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed amendment at the hearing.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649.3. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearing; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits presented at the hearing, including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Water Board. They will become part of the administrative record.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/about_us/directions.shtml

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Angela Tsao, (510) 622-2399, antsao@waterboards.ca.gov, at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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