

Ag Order 4.0: The Next 4 Months

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Fundamental Issues in Staff Report:

1. Interpreting Appellate Court Decision on Ag Order 2.0 and the NPS Policy
2. Incorporating Precedential Aspects of State Water Board's Eastern San Joaquin (ESJ) Order
3. Reflecting Feedback from Board Members

Board Feedback Over Past Year

- Incorporate incentives and experimentation
- Learn and integrate new knowledge
- Balance regulation and economic feasibility
- Acknowledge labor and market influences with flexibility

Highlights of Ag Concept Paper

Surface Water Management Concepts

- Receiving Water Monitoring and Reporting
- Planning and Prioritization
- Feedback Loops
- Collective Action
- Focus on researching practice effectiveness and expanding grower education and outreach

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Nitrogen Management Concepts

- Outreach and education
- Irrigation and nitrogen management planning
- Irrigation and nitrogen management reporting by ranch option
- Groundwater quality monitoring and reporting

A Better Path Forward

- Direct staff to work with agricultural stakeholders immediately
- Develop options different from those in the Staff Report that are consistent with the State Board's direction and the Court of Appeals decision
- Additional options must be available prior to March 2019