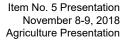
# Ag Order 4.0: The Next 4 Months

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#### **Fundamental Issues in Staff Report:**

- 1. Interpreting Appellate Court Decision on Ag Order 2.0 and the NPS Policy
- 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

## **Highlights of Ag Concept Paper**

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