

TOPIC:
General Orders on Oil Field Discharges to Land

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LOCATIONS:
Teleconference &
CVWB Fresno Office
3-5pm

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TYPE:
Oral

PARTICIPANTS:
Board Chair Karl Longley and Member Denise Kadera. Staff included Clay Rodgers, Ron Holcomb and Dale Harvey. Pamela Creedon joined by telephone. CIPA members were: Amy Roth, E&B; Christine Zimmerman, Zimmerman Consulting; Ron Chambers, Aera (phone); Tim Lovely, Macpherson (phone); Brad Califf, Longbow; Chris Hall, Drilling Producers Co; Bob Boston, Linn; Mike Glavine, CRC; Randy Horne, Naftex; Christine Boyer, Crimson; Les Clark, Independent Oil Producers; Jenifer Pitcher from WSPA.

INITIATED BY:
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DISCUSSION SUMMARY:
Topics included DOC WST fluid discharge rule and compliance mechanisms, CEQA compliance, discharge monitoring, waters of the state, threat to groundwater, dedesignation, definitions of terms (secondary containment, facility expansion, small and very small producers), produced water for irrigation of crops.

CIPA sought sufficient time to comply with the DOC ban on discharge to ground, the case law applied to CEQA, monitoring to reflect local hydrogeology, an accelerated BPA process, clarity for the definitions (including small producer at 50 BOPD) and the continuing use of treated production water for irrigation.

CVWB heard the comments and offered discussion and guidance. There were no decisions made as this was an input session only. Sufficient time may be included for the DOC discharge rule, the BPA revision process is continuing, CEQA case law governs, monitoring will not change from the draft and irrigation water proceedings continue as before.