

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Notice of Public Scoping Meeting For
New Waste Discharge Requirements for Dairies
in the North Coast Region**

Notice is hereby given that staff of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board will be hosting two public meetings to receive comments and discuss possible modifications for revising region-wide waste discharge requirements for dairies in the North Coast Region. The meetings will include staff presentations regarding current permit requirements, and the possibility of revising the existing permits to allow new cow dairies, expanding cow dairies, and goat/sheep/water buffalo dairies. Staff will also discuss requiring nutrient management plans and riparian management planning for permittees. Revised draft waste discharge requirements and associated California Environmental Quality Act documentation are expected to be available for 30-day public review beginning in December 2017. Staff anticipate presenting an informational item at the January 2018 Regional Water Board meeting. After the close of the public comment period, staff will consider and respond to comments, and finalize the waste discharge requirements and CEQA documents for the Regional Water Board's consideration later in 2018.

The current dairy program web page is available on the Regional Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/dairies/

Public scoping meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Fortuna City Council Chambers
621 11th Street
Fortuna, CA 95540

Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Regional Water Board Hearing Room
Regional Water Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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