

To: Dairy Producers, Representatives, and Concerned Citizens in the North Coast Region

Notice is hereby given that staff of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board will be hosting a public workshop to receive comments and discuss modifications to our existing dairy permitting program including proposed waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for dairies in the North Coast Region. The meeting will include a staff presentation regarding current permit requirements, and the proposed permit, which revises the existing waiver of WDRs 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. Proposed waste discharge requirements and associated California Environmental Quality Act documentation are expected to be available for 30-day public review beginning in late April 2018. Staff anticipate presenting an informational item at the May 17, 2018, Regional Water Board meeting. The 30-day public comment period is expected to close in late May 2018. After the close of the public comment period, staff will consider and respond to comments, and finalize the proposed 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:

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

The public workshop to present the proposed dairy General Waste Discharge Requirements is tentatively scheduled for:

Thursday May 17, 2018, starting at 8:30 AM
Regional Water Board Hearing Room
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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