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(1)

- How is WQ doing?
- Do you look at annual reports?
  → if exceedances you will hear.
  - if late → NOV.
- How is WQ trend?
- Look at other Regs?
  - keep permits they have now.
- Data from 1980's.
  - can see improvements.
- 3rd Party prob id prog.
  - Trends over time
  Coord Mon prog.
  → good progress

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(2)

- Current prog is working well
  - keep focus on WQ in Reg.
  - feel fine to move to GWDR.
- What does riparian mgmt mean?
  - eg. slough,
- Would like grazing allowed.
- look at Sonoma Co Gen Plan for language on Riparian.
  - ESA probs
  - don't be too restrictive;
- Commend Reg 1.
  - built trust.
  - be careful w NMP
    - don't follow Reg 5

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Riparian:
- bring in right agronomic understanding
  → need ex.

- Reg Wants to be aligned w local requirements.

- Each farm is diff.
  - practices to achieve goals can be site specific.

- Sediment issues in N.

- Maintain value of CDQAP

How will mon change w TMDLs on Russian R.
- indicator bacteria + pathogens
- 2nd pub w/s Sept 20 Guerneville.
- Dairies would be mon. for bacteria.

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- Need to control bacteria sources to Russian R W/s.
- Sediment → erosion control
- Other industries
  - other bovine
  - permits for them?
    - no regulatory prog right now.
    - do have tools for enforcement.
- Animal resource committee offering to help.

GW sampling -

- Check for potential changes. 4 samples over 5 yrs.
- What would sampling be if GWDR?

- How many more wells in Sonoma Co. routinely sampled. Why do we pay?

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- If there is a monitoring well can that data be used?
  - screened
  - at certain depth
  - samp. for nitrate / fecal col.

- Cost to dairies.
- if no prob → why monitor?
  → could be abbreviated version of sampling

- may have tiers.
- build flexibility based on results.

- Tie in to milk inspectors testing timing?
- Reg 2 - Grazing waiver 50 ac ~~e~~ min.

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- Sampling needs to be meaningful. → costs $
  - smart, targeted approach.
- Does season affect when take GW sample?
  - spring / fall.
    - depth, geology, infiltration, etc.
    - difficult to compare.

Acknowledge WQ improvements by dairies.
- go after pubs to waterbodies of concern.
- reduce regulatory burden.

- Primary respons. of monitoring should be on gov't agency.

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Fees
- Sept. meetings to set $ at SWRCB

- Will new WDR require us to rewrite plans?
  → leave info ~~as~~ is & roll into new WDR.

NOI - already enrolled in
  - maybe new Q's.
  - do yourself - no need to hire.

Hold + treat → False.

- What other forms of ag being looked at?
  - Cannabis?
    + 17 dedicated staff.
  - Scott/Shasta grazing
  - timber
  - vineyard/orchard

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- every farmer in Co is hunting.
  - plant pollution
  - trying to continue farming.
  - stewards of land.

- ARB -
  - need to coordinate.

Fees -
  - likely to be sim to now
    - maybe + 4.9%

Annual WQ mtg - Oct. not calendared yet.
  - Yes.

- Equestrian centers
  - no prohib. right now.
  - need regulation.
    → Russ. R. prohib.

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- Send notes to participants from 2 SH mtgs.
- including new/expanding dairies
  - CEQA
  - Reg 2/5 did
    - good to model that.

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