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# **Public Stakeholder Meeting for Dairy Permit Revision**

**North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**



**August 22 and 23, 2017**

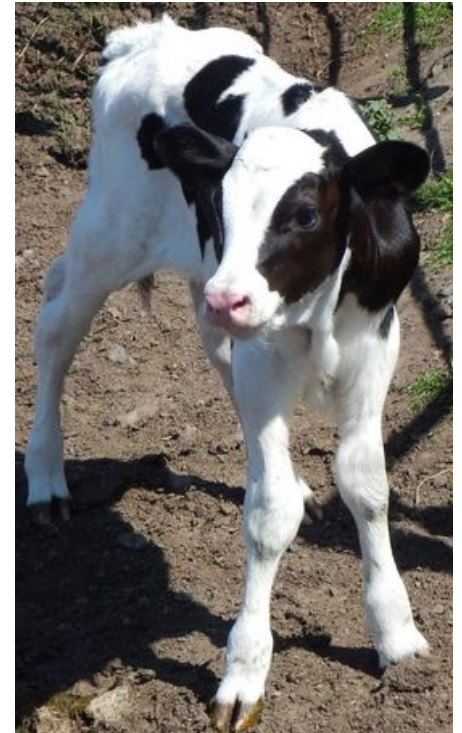
# Presentation Outline

## 1. Dairy Program Overview

- Existing Dairy Program Timeline
- Existing Requirements

## 2. Future of Dairy Program

- The Need for a Revised Permit
- New Dairies
- Water Quality Protection
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Schedule for Board Consideration for Adoption





# Existing Dairy Program Timeline

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- **2012** Adoption of Conditional Waiver R1-2012-0003 & General Waste Discharge Requirements R1-2012-0002
- **2016** Renewal of the Conditional Waiver
- **2018** Tentative Hearing for Consideration of Adoption of General Waste Discharge Requirements





# Existing Reporting Submittals

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<b><u>Requirement</u></b>	<b><u>Timing</u></b>
<b>Water Quality Plan</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Nutrient Management Plan</b>	<b>Required if &gt; 700 milking+dry</b>
<b>Annual Report</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>Surface Water Monitoring</b> (pH, temp., ammonia, electrical conductivity)	<b>3 times /winter</b>
<b>Groundwater Monitoring</b> (nitrate, fecal coliform)	<b>4 samples in 2 years</b>
<b>Annual Fees</b>	<b>Due each December</b> <b>*Fee determined by SWRCB</b>



# Existing Requirements

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- **Prohibitions**
  - **No waste discharge to surface water**
  - **No waste discharge to groundwater**
- **Statewide Water Quality Regulations for Confined Animal Facilities (CA Code of Regulations-Title 27)**
  - **Meet minimum standards**
- **Best Management Practices**



# **Existing Dairy Program Benefits**

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- **Stewardship**
- **Education** –CA Dairy Quality Assurance Program
- **Nutrient Management Plans** –(from 25% to 80+%)
- **Support/Funding-**
  - **State Board Grants**
  - **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**
  - **Resource Conservation Districts (RCD)**
  - **Western United Dairymen (WUD)**
  - **Farm Bureaus**





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# The Need for Revised Permit

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- **Waivers expire every 5 years**
- **Update Regulations and Requirements**
- **Coverage for New Dairies, Expanding Dairies, and Goat/Sheep/Water Buffalo**





# New Requirements to Consider

## Potentially Add:

- Goat/Sheep/Water Buffalo Dairies
  - New or Expanding Dairies
    - individual California
- Environmental Quality Act  
(CEQA) may be required
- Update Regulations
  - Riparian Management Planning
  - Nutrient Management Plans



# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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- **Lead Agency-NCRWQCB**
- **Public and State Clearinghouse Review (30 day)**
- **Tribal Consultation per Public Resources Code 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2**
- **Response to Public Comments**
- **Hearing for Consideration of Adoption (2018)**





# 30-day Public Comment Period

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1. Public Notice in Newspapers
2. Notice to Electronic subscriptions:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg1\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg1_subscribe.shtml) (click on Dairies)
3. Public Notice on R1 Website
4. Comments Accepted During the 30-day Period:
  - At a Board Workshop (January 2018)
  - Electronically [NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov)
  - By Mail





# Tentative Schedule

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- August 2017- Public Stakeholder Meetings
- September-November 2017- Regional Water Board staff drafts the Dairy Permit
- December 2017-January 2018- Begin 30-day Public Review of the Draft Permit
- January 2018- Workshop on Draft Permit at Regional Water Board Meeting
- Late-January to February 2018- Close 30-day public review

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# **Tentative Dairy Permit Schedule**

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- **February-March 2018**- Respond to public comments.  
Draft revised permit.
- **Spring/Summer 2018**- Regional Water Board Hearing  
to consider adoption of the Revised Dairy Permit



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# Thank You!







# Public Participation

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