

California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast
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Updated Notice of Public Hearing

Proposed General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dairies In the North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2019-0001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will conduct a public hearing on General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dairies in the North Coast Region, Order No. R1-2019-0001 (Proposed Order). The public hearing to consider adoption of the Proposed Order is scheduled for **April 18, 2019 beginning at 8:30 A.M.** in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda.

I. Overview

The Proposed Order includes General Waste Discharge Requirements on dairy operations and related land management activities in the North Coast Region. If adopted, five previously adopted dairy orders will be replaced by the Proposed Order. Discharges from existing dairies, new dairies, expanding dairies, and goat, sheep, and water buffalo dairies, will be covered by the Proposed Order.

The draft Order was presented at a public workshop and public hearing at the Regional Water Board office on November 14, 2018. The draft Order was distributed for public and agency review. Written comments were accepted from November 1, 2018 to January 3, 2019.

II. Document Availability

The draft Order and GWDR package dated November 1, 2018, is available and can be downloaded from the Regional Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

These files can also be viewed or copied by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, weekdays between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

The Proposed Order, which includes Regional Water Board staff revisions after the public comment period closed, will be available on the above website by April 4, 2019.

III. Public Comments and Public Hearing Procedures

Oral comments will be heard at the Regional Water Board public hearing. The public hearing to consider adoption of the Order is scheduled at **8:30 A.M. on April 18, 2019**, at the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearing; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. Changes to the Proposed Order consistent with the general purpose of the Order may be considered by the Regional Water Board during the hearing.

IV. Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Patti Corsie at 707-576-2220 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

V. Program and Email Subscription

Information on the Regional Water Board's Dairy Program can be found at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/dairies/

Persons wishing to receive notices related to the Dairy Program should subscribe to the Dairies email list, under Subscribe, on the top right side of the Regional Water Board's main web page at <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/>

VI. Regional Water Board Staff Contact

Questions regarding the Proposed Order should be directed to Cherie Blatt, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403, by telephone (707) 576-2755, or email at Cherie.Blatt@waterboards.ca.gov

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