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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$239,500 IN COMPLAINTS FOR DAIRY REPORTING VIOLATIONS

Fresno -- The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued \$239,500 in Administrative Civil Liability Complaints to the owners and operators of twenty dairies for failure to submit required reports, including annual reports, waste management plans and groundwater monitoring well installation and sampling plans.

The reports are required under the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) general order for existing milk cow dairies as a way to document that the dairies are operating in compliance with the WDRs and are not unreasonably affecting groundwater and/or surface water quality. Owners and operators of the twenty facilities have failed to submit one or more of the required reports.

The complaints are scheduled to be heard by a panel of Central Valley Regional Water Board members at public hearings scheduled for July 14 and 15, 2011 in Fresno for dairies in the southern part of the region (Madera County and south) and July 19 and 20 in Rancho Cordova for dairies in the northern part of the region (Merced County and north). The panel of Board members will present recommendations for consideration by a quorum of the Board during a hearing at a later regular meeting of the Central Valley Regional Water Board. All of the individual complaints are available for review at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml#dairy

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for preservation and enhancement of the quality of water resources.