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November 5, 2008

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State Clearinghouse Governor's Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812 In reply refer to: **GWB:kdorsey** 

Dear State Clearinghouse Staff:

SUBJECT: TENTATIVE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING DAIRIES WITHIN THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) has prepared an Initial Study/Environmental Checklist for the subject project. This culminated in the preparation of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The Tentative General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) prescribe management measures that are necessary to mitigate impacts to the environment from discharging dairy waste water and manure to land.

The adoption of Tentative General WDRs for existing dairies would: a) simplify the application process for Dischargers, b) allow more efficient use of Regional Board staff time, c) reduce Regional Board time by enabling the Executive Officer to notify the discharger of the applicability of the general WDRs, d) enhance the protection of water quality by prescribing management measures that are necessary to mitigate impacts to the environment from discharging dairy waste water and manure to land e) provide a level of protection comparable to individual site specific WDRs.

The enclosed Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study describes the nature of the project, identifies the environmental setting and any significant or potentially significant environmental effects, a description of mitigation measures incorporated into the project, and an assessment of the proposed project's consistency with the Water Code. However, prior to adopting the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, the expertise of your agency is needed to identify, evaluate, and offer mitigation measures for any environmental effect that may have been inadvertently overlooked.

California Environmental Protection Agency



Pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, the Regional Board hereby submits the enclosed Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and Notice of Completion to the State Clearinghouse for circulation.

The heading portion of this letter includes a Regional Board code number noted after "In reply refer to:" In order to assist us in the processing of your correspondence please include this code number in the heading or subject line portion of all correspondence and reports to the Regional Board pertaining to this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (858) 467-2980.

Respectfully,

Kelly Dorsey

**Engineering Geologist** 

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Enclosure: Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study/Environmental

Checklist, Notice of Completion

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal	
Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613  For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	
City: Son Diego Regulate Propertions  General Waste Discharge Requirements for Existing Dairy Operations  Project Title: Within the San Diego Region  Lead Agency: Ca. Reg. Water Quality Control Dd. San Diego Contact Person: Kelly Dorsey  Phone: 858 467-2980  City: San Diego  County: San Diego  County: San Diego  County: San Diego  County: San Diego	
Mailing Address: 917 4 St. Dawk Court Scrife 100 Phone: 858 467-2980	
City: San Diego Zip: 92123 County: San Diego	
Project Location: County: San Diego Region City/Nearest Community: N/A	
Cross Streets.	
Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base: Waterways:	
Airports: Railways: Schools:	
Document Type:	
CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document  Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document	
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other	
Mit Neg Dec Other FONSI	
Local Action Type:  General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation	
General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment	
General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit	Pacus
Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	2 121 MI
Development Type:	
Residential: Units Acres MGDMGD	
Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Transportation: Type	
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft.         Acres         Employees         ☐ Mining:         Mineral           ☐ Industrial:         Sq.ft.         Acres         Employees         ☐ Power:         Type         MW	,
Educational   Waste Treatment: Type   MGD	
Recreational Hazardous Waste: Type	
Other:	
Project Issues Discussed in Document:	
☐ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☐ Recreation/Parks ☐ Vegetation	
☐ Agricultural Land ☐ Flood Plain/Flooding ☐ Schools/Universities ☐ Water Quality	
☐ Air Quality ☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☐ Septic Systems ☐ Water Supply/Groundwater	
Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian	
☐ Biological Resources       ☐ Minerals       ☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading       ☐ Wildlife         ☐ Coastal Zone       ☐ Noise       ☐ Solid Waste       ☐ Growth Inducing	
☐ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Population/Housing Balance ☐ Toxic/Hazardous ☐ Land Use	
☐ Economic/Jobs ☐ Public Services/Facilities ☐ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Cumulative Effects	
Other	
Decemble and Heal/Zening/Congress Plan Decimantions	
Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:  Agriculture / Multiple Rural Use	
Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)	

## ATTACHMENT 1 TO NOTICE OF COMPLETION

## **Project Location:**

VAN OMMERING DAIRY	14950 EL MONTE RD	LAKESIDE
DOWLE DAIRY	1645 WARNOCK DR	RAMONA
T.D. DAIRY	2324 DYE RD	RAMONA
BERT VERGER DAIRY	16777 BANDY CANYON RD	ESCONDIDO
KONYN, FRANK J DAIRY	15777 OLD MILKY WAY	ESCONDIDO
WESSELINK DAIRY	32605 Holland Road	WINCHESTER
JOHN KONYN AND SON		VALLEY
DAIRY	PO BOX 371	CENTER
JACK & MARK STIEFEL		
DAIRY	32750 HOLLAND RD	WINCHESTER

Project Description: The project is the adoption of General Order No. R9-2008-0130, Waste Discharge Requirements for existing Dairy Operations in the San Diego Region. This project would regulate the discharge of Dairy Operation wastes to land from the eight existing dairies in the San Diego Region, and covers expansions of the dairies up to 1999 mature dairy cows. The eight Dairy Operations to be regulated under these general requirements are currently regulated under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) orders or individual waste discharge requirements. With the adoption of these general requirements, the Dairy Operations would be regulated under these general waste discharge requirements, and the individual orders would be rescinded. The general requirements of this General Order are as stringent as both the NPDES orders and individual waste discharge requirements.

## DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Name: General Waste Discharge Requirements for existing dairies located in the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region.

Tentative Order Number: R9-2008-0130

This Document is Considered Draft Until it is Adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

This Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration is comprised of this form along with the Environmental Initial Study that includes the Environmental Checklist Form.

 California Environmental Quality Act Mitigated Negative Declaration Findings:

This Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis, and; that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Mitigated Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period, and; on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Mitigated Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Required Mitigation Measures:

Refer to the attached Environmental Initial Study for the rationale for requiring the following measures:

The General Waste Discharge Requirements prescribe management measures that are necessary to mitigate impacts to the environment from discharging dairy waste water and manure to land.

Critical Project Design Elements That Must Become Conditions of Approval:

The following project design elements were either proposed in the project or the result of compliance with specific environmental laws and regulations and were essential in reaching the conclusions within the attached Environmental Initial Study.

While the following are not technically mitigation measures, their implementation must be assured to avoid potentially significant environmental effects.

None.

**ADOPTION STATEMENT:** This Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted and above California Environmental Quality Act findings made by the:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region
On December 10, 2008

John H. Robertus Executive Officer Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

## INITIAL STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Project title:

General Waste Discharge Requirements for Existing Dairy Operations within the San Diego Region

- Lead agency name and address: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123
- 3. Contact person and phone number:

Ms. Kelly Dorsey (858)-467-2980

4. Project location:

Existing dairy animal feeding operations (AFO) within the San Diego Regional Board jurisdiction.

- Project sponsor's name and address:
   California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
   San Diego, CA 92123
- General plan designation:
   Intensive Agriculture/Multiple Rural Use
- 8. Description of project: (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or offsite features necessary for its implementation. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

The project is the adoption of General Order No. R9-2008-0130, Waste Discharge Requirements for existing Dairy Operations in the San Diego Region. This project would regulate the discharge of Dairy Operation wastes to land from the eight existing dairies in the San Diego Region, and covers expansions of the dairies up to 1999 mature dairy cows. The eight Dairy Operations to be regulated under these general requirements are currently regulated under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) orders or individual waste discharge requirements. With the adoption of these general requirements, the Dairy Operations would be regulated under these general waste discharge requirements, and the individual orders would be rescinded.

Zoning:

Agriculture

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	The general requirements orders and individual was		s General Order are as stri harge requirements <u>.</u>	ngent	as both the NPDES				
9.	Surrounding land uses and setting: Briefly describe the project's surroundings:								
	The dairies are generally surrounded by agricultural land uses with some multiple rural uses.								
10.	Other public agencies wh participation agreement).	ose ap	oproval is required (e.g., pe	ermits,	financingapproval, or				
	Since this project only adare required.	dresse	es existing facilities, no othe	er pub	lic agency approvals				
ENVIF	RONMENTAL FACTORS F	OTEN	ITIALLY AFFECTED:						
The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.									
	Aesthetics		Agriculture Resources		Air Quality				
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Geology /Soils				
	Hazards & Hazardous Materials		Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning				
	Mineral Resources		Noise		Population / Housing				
	Public Services		Recreation		Transportation/Traffic				
	Utilities / Service Systems		Mandatory Findings of Signature	gnifica	nce				
DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)									
On the basis of this initial evaluation:									
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	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significa environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.	
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significe environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case project have been made by or agreed to bythe project propor NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.	because revisions in the
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.	on the environment, and
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment of the environ	nment, but at least one nt pursuant to applicable easures based on the DNMENTAL IMPACT
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significe environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) has adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION potentially standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.	ve been analyzed oursuant to applicable to that earlier EIR or measures that are
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## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

- A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answershould be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as

- All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occr, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect maybe significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced).
- Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than

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	significance					
SA	MPLE QUESTION					
Iss	ues:					
		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
1.	AESTHETICS Would the project:					
	Have a substantial adverse effect on a enic vista?				$\checkmark$	
in	Substantially damage scenic resources, cluding, but not limited to, trees, rock stcroppings, and historic buildings within a ate scenic highway?					
ch	Substantially degrade the existing visual naracter or quality of the site and its irroundings?				$\square$	
gĺ	Create a new source of substantial light or are which would adversely affect day or ghttime views in the area?					
Dis	cussion:					
a) Structures in place or requirements in the General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) would not result in a substantial adverse affect on a scenic vista because the controls would not introduce any physical effects that could impact these characteristics.						
b)	b) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in a substantial damage to scenic resources because the controls would not introduce any physical effects that could impact these characteristics.					

- c) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in a substantial degradation of the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings because the controls would not introduce any physical effects that could impact these characteristics.
- d) Ordinance No. 655, an Ordinance of the County of Riverside Regulation Light Pollution and the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, Title 5, Division 9, Light Pollution Code are in place to limit new light or glare. These ordinances require the construction and installation of structural best management practices, such as light shields, to reduce light and glare impacts.

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II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				V
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				V
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				

- a) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural use because the use of the land is already designated for agricultural use.
- b) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in a conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract because the use of the land as a dairy requires the land be designated for agricultural use.
- c) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use because the use of the land as a dairy requires the land be designated for agricultural use.

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III. AIR QUALITY – Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:						
<ul> <li>a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?</li> </ul>						
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?						
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			$ \mathbf{V} $			
<ul><li>e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?</li></ul>						
Discussion:						
a, b,c,d) The San Diego Region is comprised of 2 Pollution Control District (APCD) and So Dairies that fall below the air district's de to contribute significantly to air quality in large confined animal facility (1000 or m mature milking cows for the APCD) will I than significant.	outh Coast Air ( efinitions of a la npacts. Dairies nore mature mill	Quality Managem rge confined anir that meet the air king cows for the	ent District (AC nal facility are r district's defin AQMD and 20	MD). not expected ition of a 00 or more		
however, the APCD does not have an o that meet their definition of a large confit General Order No. R9-2008-0130 cover	The AQMD has an ordinance that regulates emissions from large confined animal facilities, however, the APCD does not have an ordinance in place because none of the dairies in it's district that meet their definition of a large confined animal facility (2000 or more mature milking cows). General Order No. R9-2008-0130 covers up to 1999 mature milking cows, thus, no significant air quality impacts are expected in the APCD district.					
e) Because the dairies are located in land a not be impacted by objectionable odors.						
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that existing dairies be designed, constructed, and operated to ensure that wastewater or waste solids disposal operations do not cause unusual odors or other nuisance beyond the limits of the dairy property.						
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact		
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:						
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				$\square$		
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?		V				
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?						
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?		V				
<ul> <li>e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?</li> </ul>			V			

 $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ 

f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat

Potentially Less Than Significant Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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conservation plan?

- a) Structures in place or requirements in General Order No. R9-2008-0130 would not result in a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service because any modification to the dairies will happen within the existing dairy property.
- b) General Order No. R9-2008-0130 requires run off controls that protect off-property riparian habitats or other sensitive natural communities from the effects of the dairies. In particular, General Order No. R9-2008-0130 requires that existing dairies be designed, constructed, and operated to retain all facility wastewater and all precipitation on, and drainage through, manured areas. Additionally, General Order No. R9-2008-0130 requires all precipitation and surface drainage outside of manured areas, including that collected from roofed areas, and runoff from tributary areas resulting from a storm of intensity equal to or less than 25-year, 24-hour storm shall be diverted away from manured areas unless such drainage is fully retained.
- c) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means because any modification to the dairies will happen within the existing dairy property which is not located within a wetlands area.
- d) Construction of structural controls necessary for compliance with the requirements in General Order No. R9-2008-0130 would not foreseeably restrict wildlife movement because the sizes of the structural controls are generally too small to obstruct a corridor. It is expected that if fences, acting as structural controls to prevent cows from entering surface waters are built, fence gaps will be large enough to allow migrating wildlife to pass through.
- e) Implementing the requirements in General Order No. R9-2008-0130 would not foreseeably conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, microflora, and aquatic plants because any dairy expansion would be within already developed areas. Expansions would not occur in new undeveloped area, Dairy expansions may result in tree removal from the dairy's property for construction purposes; however the environmental impact from the tree removal would likely be less than significant. Air photos show very few trees in the animal areas, thus if trees are removed, they would be few in number. If trees are to be removed as part of an expansion, the dairies must comply with any local ordinance regarding tree removal.

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	CULTURAL RESOURCES Would the oject:				
si	Cause a substantial adverse change in the gnificance of a historical resource as fined in '15064.5?				$\overline{\square}$
si	Cause a substantial adverse change in the gnificance of an archaeological resource irsuant to '15064.5?				
pa	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique eleontological resource or site or unique eologic feature?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
	Disturb any human remains, including ose interred outside of formal cemeteries?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
a)	Structures in place or requirements in the W significance of historical resources because is not expected to break ground or disturb co	the WDR will	only cover existing		
b)	Structures in place or requirements in the W significance of archaeological resources bed				
c)	Structures in place or requirements in the W paleontological resource or site or unique go dairies.				
d)	Structures in place or requirements in the Winterred outside of formal cemeteries becau				luding those
		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	. GEOLOGY AND SOILS Would the oject:				
	<ul> <li>Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:</li> </ul>				
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i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				V
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				
iv) Landslides?				
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				

i) It is not reasonably foreseeable that structures in place or requirements in the WDR would expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault because the existing dairies are not within such fault zones.

- ii) It is not reasonably foreseeable that structures in place or requirements in the WDR would expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving strong seismic ground shaking because the existing dairies are not within major fault zones.
- iii) It is not reasonably foreseeable that structures in place or requirements in the WDR would expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction because the existing dairies are not within major fault zones.
- iv) It is not reasonably foreseeable that structures in place or requirements in the WDR would expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving landslides because the existing dairies are not situated in slide prone areas.
- b. It is not reasonably foreseeable that structures in place or requirements in the WDR would result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil because the existing dairies use run-off/on best management practices to prevent erosion.
- c. It is not reasonably foreseeable that structures in place or requirements in the WDR would result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse as a result of being located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable because the existing dairies are not situated in low stability areas.
- d. It is not reasonably foreseeable that structures in place or requirements in the WDR would be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property because structures and buildings have been in place ad have not experienced damage due to expansive soils.
- e. It is not reasonably foreseeable that structures in place or requirements in the WDR would have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems because the dairies have existing waste water treatment systems that have been supported by the soils.

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VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				V
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c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				Ø
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				V
a-h) This project does not entail the use, emiss Furthermore, existing dairies have not creat project areas.				
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risk inclu	kpose people or structures to a significant of loss, injury or death involving flooding, uding flooding as a result of the failure of vee or dam?				$\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$
	undation by seiche, tsunami, or lflow?				
Discu	ussion:				
a)	Because the project is the adoption of was of water quality standards, there will be no		equirements, wh	ich do not allov	v violations
b)	The majority of existing dairies in the San milking. Any increase in herd size will ther underlying the dairy. In the event of a dep will be pursued. Mitigation includes finding measures such as low flow sprinkler head water from a local purveyor, or treating an	efore increase pleting groundy g an alternative s to spray wat	the demand on the vater basin, mitige water supply, over. Alternative su	the groundwate ation measures r using conserv	er basin s at the dairy vation
c,d)	These are existing dairies and no further a area are anticipated.	alterations to th	ne existing draina	age pattern of th	ne site or
e)	General Order No. R9-2008-0130 requires operated to retain all facility wastewater and Additionally, General Order No. R9-2008-of manured areas, including that collected from a storm of intensity equal to or less that areas unless such drainage is fully retained.	d all precipitation 0130 requires a from roofed are an 25-year, 24-	on on, and draina all precipitation a eas, and runoff fro	ge through, mai nd surface drair om tributary are	nured areas. nage outside as resulting
f)	General Order No. R9-2008-0130 requires requirements that are intended to protect water quality would not be enrolled under	ater quality. A	ny dairy that woul	ld substantially	
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IX. I proj	LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the ect:				
a) P	Physically divide an established				
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CC	ommunity?				$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$
jui lin loc ac	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, plicy, or regulation of an agency with risdiction over the project (including, but not nited to the general plan, specific plan, cal coastal program, or zoning ordinance) dopted for the purpose of avoiding or itigating an environmental effect?				V
CC	Conflict with any applicable habitat onservation plan or natural community onservation plan?				
Dis	cussion:				
a)	Structures in place or requirements in the W community because the WDR covers only e			on of an establi	shed
b)	b) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of San Diego or Riverside Counties because the WDR covers only existing dairie that are currently in compliance with land use plans. Any expansion of the dairies will be required to obtain any relevant permits from the County.				
c)	Structures in place or requirements in the W conservation plan or natural community con dairies where there are no such plans in pla	servation plan			
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	MINERAL RESOURCES Would the oject:				
m	Result in the loss of availability of a known ineral resource that would be of value to e region and the residents of the state?				
im de	Result in the loss of availability of a locally- iportant mineral resource recovery site elineated on a local general plan, specific an or other land use plan?				Ø
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- a) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in the loss of availability of known mineral resources because the WDR covers only existing dairies where there are no known mineral resources.
- b) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in the loss of availability of known locally-important mineral resources, policy, or regulation of San Diego or Riverside Counties because the WDR covers only existing dairies that are currently in compliance. Any expansion of the dairies will be required to obtain any relevant permits from the County.

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XI. NOISE Would the project result in:				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				Ø
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?		$\square$		
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				$\square$
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				

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- a) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in the exceedance of standards established in the San Diego and Riverside Counties' General Plans because the WDR covers only existing dairies which are in compliance with the applicable General Plan. Any increase in herd size is not expected to increase the ambient noise level.
- b) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in the generation of excessive groundborne vibrations or noises because the WDR covers only existing dairies which do not generate excessive groundborne vibrations or noises. Any increase in herd size is not expected to generate excessive groundborne vibrations or noise.
- c) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in increases in exposure of people to severe noise levels because none of these structures or requirements would introduce any physical effects that could impact this characteristic. Increased traffic from milk delivery trucks and/or maintenance vehicles may increase the noise level temporarily as the vehicles pass through an area, but these levels will not be severe.
- d) There is the possibility that short term severe noise levels could be emitted during construction activities. The increase in noise levels could be mitigated by implementing commonly-used noise abatement procedures, such as sound barriers, mufflers, and limiting construction and main tenance activities to times when these activities have lower impact, such as periods when there are fewer people in the area. Applicable and appropriate mitigation measures should be evaluated when specific projects are determined, depending upon proximity of construction activities to receptors.
- e) The dairies covered under the WDR are not located within an airport land use plan.
- f) The dairies covered under the WDR are not located within an airport land use plan.

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XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				$\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				V
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				V
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Dis	cussion:						
a)	Structures in place or requirements in the V area and will not include construction of new				growth in an		
b)	Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in displacing substantial numbers of existing housing because the WDR covers only existing dairies and any expansion to the existing dairies will occur within the property boundary of the dairy.						
c)	This project does not involve destruction of	housing. There	efore, there will b	oe no impact.			
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ΧI	II. PUBLIC SERVICES						
ac pr gc ph cc er ac ot	Would the project result in substantial liverse physical impacts associated with the ovision of new or physically altered overnmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the instruction of which could cause significant avironmental impacts, in order to maintain eceptable service ratios, response times or ther performance objectives for any of the ablic services:						
	Fire protection?				$\overline{\checkmark}$		
	Police protection?				$\overline{\checkmark}$		
	Schools?				$\checkmark$		
	Parks?				$\checkmark$		
	Other public facilities?				$   \overline{\checkmark} $		
Dis	scussion:						
a)	a) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities because the WDR covers only existing dairies.						
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XIV. RECREATION				
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				Ø
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				
Discussion:				
<ul> <li>Structures in place or requirements in the W recreational facilities because the dairy open parks or other recreational facilities.</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Structures in place or requirements in the V construction or expansion of recreational face</li> </ul>		include recreation	nal facilities or r	require the
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XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC Would the project:				
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?				
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns,				
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including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				$\overline{\checkmark}$
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				V
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				V
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?				$\checkmark$
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				V

- a) Requirements in the WDR would not result in substantially increasing traffic in relation to the existing traffic load because the WDR covers only existing dairies and any expansion to the existing dairies will only result in a minimal increase in traffic during off-peak hours due to any additional trucks picking up milk from the dairy.
- b) Requirements in the WDR would not result in the exceedance, either individually or cumulatively, of a level of service standard established by either San Diego or Riverside Counties because the WDR covers only existing dairies and any expansion to the existing dairies will only result in a minimal increase in traffic during off-peak hours due to any additional trucks picking up milk from the dairy.
- c) Structures in place and requirements in the WDR would not result in a change in air traffic patterns because dairy operations are unrelated to air traffic.
- d) Structures in place and requirements in the WDR would not substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses because dairy operations occur on the dairy property and surrounding infrastructure supports the use of delivery trucks.
- e) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in inadequate emergency access because the WDR will only cover existing dairies.
- f) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in inadequate parking capacity because the WDR will only cover existing dairies.

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g) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation developed by San Diego or Riverside Counties because the WDR covers only existing dairies.

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XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS Would the project:				
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			Ø	
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			V	
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?		$\square$		
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project=s projected demand in addition to the provider=s existing commitments?				
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project=s solid waste disposal needs?				
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				
Discussion:				
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- a) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR would not result in the exceedance of wastewater treatment requirements of the California Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region because discharges are regulated by the WDR.
- b) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR will involve the construction of retention ponds that will result in minor surface soil excavation or grading during construction of the retention ponds resulting in increased disturbances of the soil. The relevant areas are already being impacted by the dairy operation. Standard construction techniques, including but not limited to, shoring, piling and soil stabilization can mitigate any potential short-term impacts.
- c) It is not reasonably foreseeable that structures in place or requirements in the WDR would result in construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects because the existing dairies use run-off/on best management practices to control storm water.
- d) The majority of existing dairies in the San Diego Region utilize groundwater for washing cows before milking. Any increase in herd size will therefore increase the demand on the groundwater basin underlying the dairy. In the event of a depleting groundwater basin, mitigation measures at the dairy will be pursued. Mitigation includes finding an alternative water supply, or using conservation measures such as low flow sprinkler heads to spray water. Alternative supplies could include buying water from a local purveyor, or treating and reusing waste water.
- e) The dairies are not serviced by a wastewater treatment provider.
- f) Requirements in the WDR would not result in the need for service by a landfill because the WDR will only cover existing dairies and any waste produced by an increase in herd size will be disposed on cropland.
- g) Structures in place or requirements in the WDR will comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste because these regulations are referenced in the WDR.

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XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE				
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or				V

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pre	ehistory?					
ind co co eff vie pre	Does the project have impacts that are dividually limited, but cumulatively ensiderable? ("Cumulatively ensiderable" means that the incremental fects of a project are considerable when ewed in connection with the effects of past ojects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?					
eft eft	Does the project have environmental fects which will cause substantial adverse fects on human beings, either directly or directly?				Ø	
Dis	cussion:					
a)	It is not expected that structures in place of the quality of the environment, substant fish or wildlife population to drop below sel community, reduce the number or restrict eliminate important examples of the major WDR will only cover existing dairies.	ially reduce the lf-sustaining lev the range of a	e habitat of a fish vels, threaten to e rare or endanger	or wildlife spec eliminate a plan ed plant or anir	ies, cause a t or animal nal or	
b)	Cumulative impacts associated with comp to be less than significant because effectiv any adverse impacts, are necessary for co	e non-structura	al controls, that a	re not expected	to have	
	The dischargers must use structural control pollutants to the waters of the state, which environment that are cumulatively conside construction activities may result in short-t controls, along with other construction and effects; however, these effects are not cur effects will cease with the completion of controls.	would increase erable. Present erm cumulative I maintenance mulatively cons	e the likelihood o and future specif e impacts. The co projects, could ha	f potential impa fic projects and enstruction of st ave short-term	cts to the other ructural cumulative	
	If the dischargers comply with the requirer impacts on the environment will be less the requirements of General Order R9-2008-0 Order.	an significant. I	Dischargers who	do not comply	with the	
c)	Structures in place or requirements in the which will cause substantial adverse effect discharges are regulated by the WDR and agencies.	ts on human be	eings, either direc	ctly or indirectly	because	
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