
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Dairy Program Announcement

November 20, 2020

The Dairy Program for the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) has extended the due date for dairy submittal of the Water Quality Plan and Riparian Management Plan from November 30, 2020, to July 1, 2021.

Background:

In 2019, the Regional Water Board adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dairies, Order R1-2019-0001 (GWDR). The associated Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP - Attachment D) stated that dairies must complete the following:

- Water Quality Plan (Appendix 1) due to be submitted by November 30, 2020 and
- Riparian Management Plan (Appendix 1) due to be submitted by November 30, 2020.

Through several correspondences with dairy representatives over the past few months, we understand the difficulty that the pandemic has caused to the dairy community. On November 9, 2020, the Regional Water Board Executive Officer revised the MRP granting an extension to the dairy submittal date for the Water Quality Plan and Riparian Management Plan to July 1, 2021.

The GWDR can be found on the Regional Water Board web page. The revisions to the due dates can be viewed in the MRP (section III.B. and C. on page 16) on the Dairy Program web page:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/dairies/

No changes are proposed to all other dairy requirements and due dates.

Dairy representatives, including those from the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program, have been and are continuing to hold small, socially distanced workshops to help dairy operators understand and complete the GWDR requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact:

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