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State Water Board Establishes Priority List for Animal Waste Management

The State Water Resources Control Board (Board) OK'd a resolution to establish a project priority list and funding line for the state's Agricultural Drainage Management Loan Program (Program). Board staff developed a priority list based on applications received by Oct. 9, 1998.

Two previous requests for proposals from the Program resulted in only one submission. Recently, the Board was contacted by the Santa Ana River Watershed Group about the possibility of the Board using Program funds for water quality problems associated with dairy waste in the Chino Basin of the Santa Ana River watershed.

Since dairy waste presents a significant threat to water quality in the Santa Ana River watershed, two proposed projects for this watershed have been added to the top of the priority list. One would collect wash water from several dairies and transport it to the Orange County Sanitation District for treatment. The other project is for interim drainage plan improvements to reduce comingling of urban runoff with agricultural drainage in the Chino Dairy Preserve.

In addition, a previously approved Merced County project to fund county administered loans remained atop the priority list. This project issues to animal facilities operators loans to design and construct source control facilities for management of animal waste.

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