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TULARE COUNTY DAIRIES FACE PENALTIES FOR WATER CODE VIOLATIONS

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The executive officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has issued \$15,300 in Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) complaints against two Tulare County dairies.

The owner/operator of the John Jacobi Dairy faces a penalty of \$6,000 for failure to respond to a directive to submit a monitoring well installation and sampling plan to conduct groundwater monitoring at the dairy or to join a representative groundwater monitoring coalition.

The owner/operator of the Alcaraz Dairy faces a penalty of \$9,300 for failure to respond to a directive to submit a monitoring well installation and sampling plan to conduct groundwater monitoring at the dairy or to join a representative groundwater monitoring coalition, and for failure to submit an annual report for the 2011 calendar year, which was due by July 1, 2012.

The directive to install groundwater monitoring or join a representative groundwater monitoring coalition and the requirement to submit annual reports are necessary to detect ground water degradation and determine whether the dairies' current operational practices comply with the General Order for the adequate protection of ground water quality.

The complaints are scheduled to be heard by the Central Valley Water Board at a public hearing scheduled for May 30 or 31, in Rancho Cordova. The complaint is available for review at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders

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