
State Water Resources Control Board

UPDATED AGENDA

INITIAL EX PARTE MEETING ON DAIRY GENERAL ORDER PETITION

September 20, 2021

1. Introductions
 - a. Sean Maguire, State Board Member
 - b. State Board staff
 - c. Petitioners
 - d. Dairy stakeholders
 - e. Regional Board staff
 - f. CDFA
 - g. California Coastkeeper Alliance
 - h. Clean Water Action
 - i. Sustainable Conservation
2. Discussion of Proposed Approach for Ex Parte Meetings
 - a. Background on Water Code section 13287 (authority for ex parte meetings)
 - b. Share information and perspectives
 - c. Be constructive and respectful of other views
 - d. State Board's records are public under the Public Records Act
 - e. General expectation of confidentiality within organizations to promote candor
 - f. Focus on issues that are candidates for compromise/consensus
 - g. Draft water quality order will also address issues with no consensus
 - h. Identification of principals, alternates, and invitees for upcoming meetings
 - i. Attendance and preparation for meetings
 - j. State Board staff will prepare the ex parte disclosures for a party to file
 - k. Others?

3. Brief discussion of State Board staff “Background Information” Document and “Recommended Reading”
4. Potential Issues for Discussion at Future Meetings [Solicited from participants in advance of this meeting]
 - a. The issues State Water Board staff would like to discuss are (1) staff's preliminary straw proposal for regulating ponds and land application areas and (2) the development of a manure market.
 - b. ELF and AGUA identified the following issues:
 - (1) All issues raised in the ELF/AGUA Petition: (a) time schedules, (b) BPTC for existing lagoons, and (c) antidegradation analysis that analyzes costs of pollution to affected communities.
 - (2) Accurately measuring nitrogen produced by dairy cows.
 - (3) Tying herd size to available acreage for land manure application.
 - (4) Soil sampling for N.
 - (5) Transparency.
 - c. Others?
5. Wrap up
 - a. Agenda for next meeting
 - b. Date/Time for next meeting [please be sure to have access to your calendar]