

Dear Potential Participants for Initial Ex Parte Meeting on Dairy General Order Petition,

We have selected Monday, September 20, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the first ex parte meeting on the dairy general order. The agenda is attached.

We regret that, given the size of the initial invitation list, not every invitee is available to attend this meeting. We are optimistic, however, that each of the primary organizations will be able to have at least one representative in attendance. Please note that one of the agenda items for this initial meeting is to identify principal and alternate attendees for future meetings in order to keep the “required” participant list manageable.

1. Issues for Discussion at Future Meetings

One of our goals during this first meeting will be to reach consensus on a priority list of issues to discuss during future meetings of this group. To that end, we are requesting that each organization identify any important issues that it believes should be considered for discussion in future meetings of this group in an email to Stacy Gillespie at stacy.gillespie@waterboards.ca.gov. Please identify these issues **no later than September 10** so that they can be added to an updated agenda and distributed prior to the meeting.

2. Recommended Reading for September 20 Meeting

To help facilitate productive discussions and ensure each participant has some working knowledge of the principles and technical information related to dairy discharges to groundwater, we recommend that participants familiarize themselves with the attached “Staff Background Information,” as well as the following documents:

- #1 The CVRDMP Final Report (includes a summary of findings from the 6-year representative dairy monitoring program, and CVRDMP recommendations)
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/confined_animal_facilities/groundwater_monitoring/srmr_20190419.pdf
- #2 UCD FREP Study Executive Summary (provides results of Central-Valley-wide nitrate study conducted by UCD - major findings are included in the Executive Summary)
<https://ucanr.edu/sites/groundwaternitrate/files/268749.pdf>
- #3 SBX21 (This report was updated/expanded by the UCD FREP Study)
<https://ucanr.edu/sites/groundwaternitrate/>

Additional References:

- #4 Dairy 101 presentation (presentation may be helpful to review different types and stages of manure handling at a dairy operation)
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/classic/cc/dairy/documents/08-21-17/dsg1-dairy-101-presentation.pdf>

- #5 Washington Dept. of Ecology Staff report (literature review of manure impacts to groundwater) [1603026.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)
- #6 NRCS Standards for Waste Lagoon construction [“313_CA_CPS”] (NRCS standards for waste lagoon construction)
[Conservation Practice Standard Waste Storage Facility \(Code 313\) \(usda.gov\)](#)
- #7 Central Valley General Dairy Order R5-2013-0122
[r5-2013-0122 \(ca.gov\)](#)
- #8 AGUA and ELF Petition for Review
[a2283bpetition.pdf \(ca.gov\)](#)
- #9 Petition Responses
[R5-2013-0122 | California State Water Resources Control Board](#)

In advance of the September 20 meeting, we will follow-up with a Microsoft Teams Link to access the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Phil Wyels or Stacy Gillespie by email.

We look forward to seeing you online.

Sincerely,

Phil Wyels