

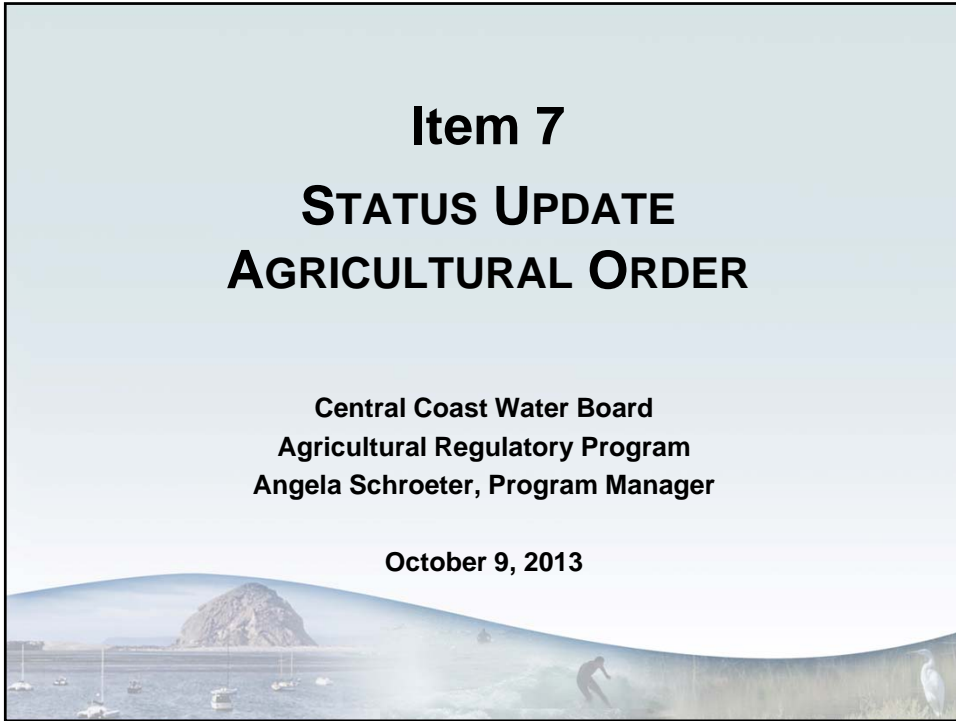
Item 7

STATUS UPDATE

AGRICULTURAL ORDER

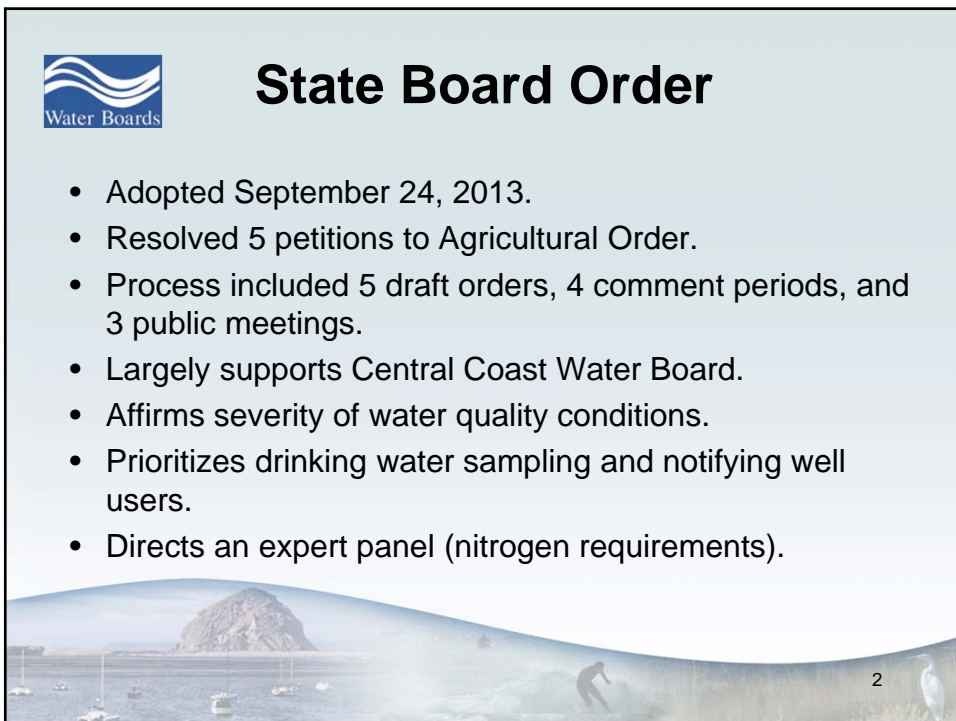
Central Coast Water Board
Agricultural Regulatory Program
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State Board Order

- Adopted September 24, 2013.
- Resolved 5 petitions to Agricultural Order.
- Process included 5 draft orders, 4 comment periods, and 3 public meetings.
- Largely supports Central Coast Water Board.
- Affirms severity of water quality conditions.
- Prioritizes drinking water sampling and notifying well users.
- Directs an expert panel (nitrogen requirements).





State Board Order

- Modifies specific provisions such as cooperative groundwater monitoring programs and nitrogen reporting.
- Eliminates Tier 3 nutrient balance ratios and INMP reporting.
- No due process rights or ex parte communication rules were violated
- The Agricultural Order is consistent with Water Code's directive to advance the human right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible drinking water.
- Provisional State Board Order and Press Release available.

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Implementation and Next Steps

- Continuing to implement Agricultural Order.
- Modifying Annual Compliance Form.
- Updating website and program materials.
- Informing operators and landowners.
- Coordinating with third-parties.
- Next Board update: December 2013

More information:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/a2209centralcoast_ag.shtml

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