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SUBJECT: Special Order Requiring Specific Facilities to Comply with Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2007-0035 for Existing Milk Cow Dairies

BOARD ACTION: Consideration of adoption of a special order.

BACKGROUND: Prior to 2003, most confined animal facilities operated under a conditional waiver of WDRs, however several dozen dairies were placed under WDRs for failure to meet waiver conditions. Fifty of these facilities are covered by individual orders adopted during the years of 1985 through 1994. An additional 41 dairies are covered by General Order No.96-270, which was adopted in 1996. These WDRs are out of date.

At the May 2007 meeting, the Board adopted WDRs General Order No. R5-2007-0035 for existing milk cow dairies. This General Order has updated provisions that are more protective of water quality. Most of the region's dairies are now regulated by this Order.

The proposed special order would rescind the existing orders for 91 specified dairies covered by older individual and general WDRs and require that the facilities comply with Order No. R5-2007-0035.

ISSUES: This item is on the contested calendar because it unusual and will apply to several dozen facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed order.

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