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APPLICATION NUMBER SA-94-44

I have inspected the site of the old Joe Salles Dairy which Mr. Henry Tosta proposes to rejuvenate. I have also met with Mr. Tosta and have discussed his plans.

My concerns are as follows:

1. The proposed dairy has inadequate acreage of cropland for proper distribution of manure. Rented land and neighboring farms will have to be depended upon, over 300 acres at the proposed capacity of 2085 animal units (AU's).

2. Ground water is very shallow at the site. Test borings encountered water at four feet below ground surface.

3. A surface water drain passes immediately adjacent to the dairy facility.

4. Manure and waste water management on the site currently operated by Mr. Tosta has not complied with water quality regulations. Waste water and corral runoff have discharged into a surface drain. Manure and stormwater have been allowed to accumulate in corrals and create nuisance conditions and a threat to groundwater.

If Application Number 5A-94-44 is approved, the Regional Board will propose the following:

1. Require submittal of a Report of Waste Discharge which includes a $2,000 filing fee and a technical report on how water quality is to be protected.

2. Prepare tentative Waste Discharge Requirements which may include the following:

a. A limit on waste that can be applied to cropland. Written agreements are usually required for cropland not directly under the control of the operator.

b. Ground water monitoring. This will require placement of a number of monitoring wells and periodic sampling and testing.

c. The possibility of ground water remediation if ground water is impacted.

d. Removal of manure solids from the site on a periodic basis, as required by the waste management plan.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (916) 255-3110.

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