

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting

Proposed Adoption of General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Commercial Agricultural Operations Regulatory Program

April 15, 2016

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

AGENDA


- 10:00 to 10:15 Welcoming Comments
- 10:15 to 10:45 Draft Initial Study and Environmental Checklist Overview
- 10:45 to 11:45 Discussion
- 11:45 to 12:00 Closing Comments
- 12:00 Adjournment



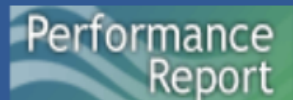
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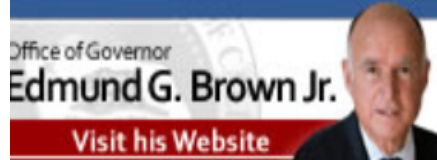


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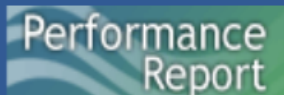
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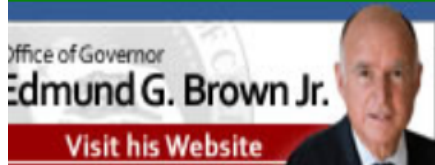
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Since the 1980s, the San Diego Water Board has regulated discharges from agricultural and nursery operations (agricultural operations) within its jurisdictional boundaries by requiring agricultural operations to implement management measures and/or best management practices to prevent or minimize the discharge of pollutants that may adversely impact the quality or beneficial uses of the waters of the State. The most recent waiver, *the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Agricultural and Nursery Operations* (Agricultural Waiver), expired in February 2014.

The San Diego Water Board is developing *Tentative General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Wastes from Commercial Agricultural and Nursery Operations within the San Diego Region* (General Agricultural Order) to replace the expired Agricultural Waiver. The San Diego Water Board is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Tentative General Order in late 2016.

To receive program updates by email, please subscribe to the [Agriculture and Nurseries](#) email list.

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DOCUMENTS

September 15, 2016 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting

- Reference Material Discussed at CEQA Scoping Meeting
 - [Notice of California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\) Scoping Meeting](#)
 - [March 15, 2016 Draft Initial Study and Environmental Checklist, Proposed Adoption of General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Commercial Agricultural Operations Regulatory Program](#)
 - [Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin](#)
 - [Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program](#)
 - [Conclusions of the Agricultural Expert Panel](#)
 - [Monterey Coastkeeper, et al. v California State Water Resources Control Board](#)
 - [Draft Order WQ 2016-, In the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2012-0116 for Growers Within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group](#)

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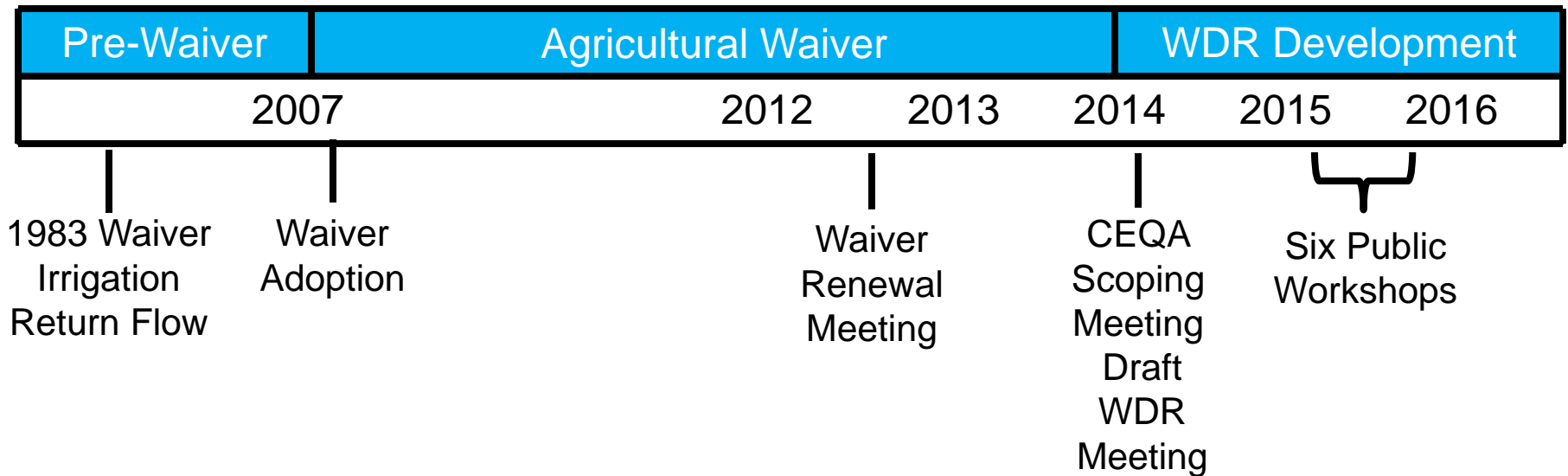
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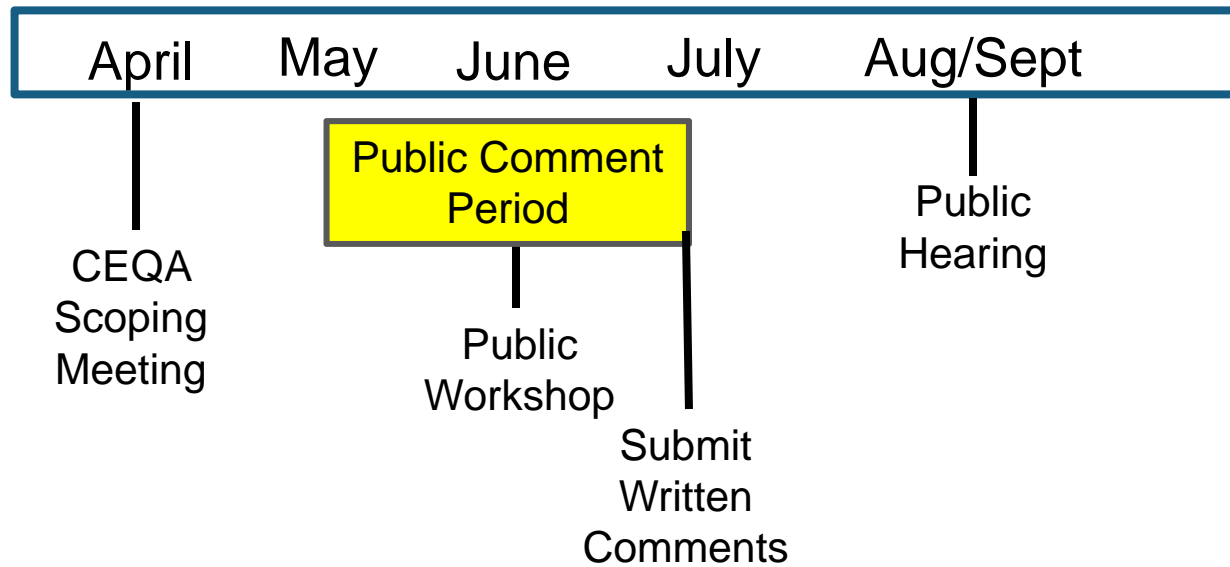
WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY

A continuation of the San Diego Water Board's
30 year long history of adopting regulatory programs
for agricultural lands

PERMITTING HISTORY



NEXT STEPS



PURPOSE OF TODAY'S MEETING

- To receive input on the scope of the Draft Initial Study and Checklist
- To ensure that we have included all environmental issues

There will be a separate forum to discuss the Draft General Orders

BASIS FOR DRAFT GENERAL WDRs

CORE DOCUMENTS

Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan)

- Beneficial Uses
- Water Quality Objectives (WQOs)

Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (NPS Policy)

- Key Element 1: Achieves and Maintains WQOs
- Key Element 2: Expected Management Practices
- Key Element 3: Time Schedule with Milestones
- Key Element 4: Feedback Mechanisms
- Key Element 5: Enforcement

BASIS FOR DRAFT GENERAL WDRS GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Conclusions of the Agricultural Expert Panel Report

Recent Litigation/Petitions

- Monterey Coastkeeper, et al. v California State Water Board
- State Water Board Draft Order

OVERVIEW OF DRAFT GENERAL WDRs

- Enrollment
- Management Practices
 - Non-Structural
 - Structural
- Education
- Monitoring & Reporting

STRUCTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



DETERMINING BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Agricultural Waiver

Continued Education

Self-Inspections

Management Practices

Monitoring and Reporting

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Monitoring

Proposed General Orders

Continued Education
Self-Inspections
Management Practices
Monitoring

DETERMINING BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Impacts of Waiver is baseline



Consider impacts greater than baseline



POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture/Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Energy/Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Non-Structural Management Practices

Continued Education

Planning

Inspections

Structural Management Practices

Installation of Structural
Management Practices

Collecting Water Samples

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS NON-STRUCTURAL AND STRUCTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Non-Structural
Management Practices

No Impact

Structural Management
Practices

Less Than Significant Impact

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS EVALUATED TO HAVE No IMPACT

Aesthetics
Cultural Resources
Hazardous/Hazardous Materials
Land Use/Planning
Population/Housing
Public Services
Recreation
Transportation/Traffic

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS EVALUATED TO HAVE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Agriculture and Forest Resources
Air Quality
Biological Resources
Geology and Soils
Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Hydrology and Water Quality
Noise
Utilities and Service Systems
Mandatory Findings of Significance

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS EVALUATED TO HAVE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Construction of Structural Management Practices

Air Quality
Biological Resources
Geology and Soils
Noise

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS EVALUATED TO HAVE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Implementation of Structural Management
Practices

Air Quality
Biological Resources
Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Hydrology and Water Quality
Noise
Utilities and Service Systems

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS EVALUATED TO HAVE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Implementation of Monitoring Program
(Long-Term)

Air Quality
Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Noise

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS EVALUATED TO HAVE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Cost of Compliance

Agriculture and Forest Resources
Greenhouse Gas Emissions

DRAFT INITIAL STUDY & ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST DETERMINATION

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

- Short-term
- Small Scale
- Less than significant impacts



DRAFT INITIAL STUDY & ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST NEXT STEPS

45-Day Public Comment Period

Public Workshop in June at a scheduled Board Meeting

DRAFT INITIAL STUDY & ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST CLOSING

Submit written comments on CEQA Scoping Documents
by April 22, 2016

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