

Update on Draft Ag Order 3.0

Agenda Item 12
December 8, 2016
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Goals of This Item

- Update board on components of draft order
- Summarize outreach efforts
- Discussion

Nomenclature for Discussion

- 2004 Ag Order: version 1.0
- 2012 Ag Order: version 2.0
- 2017 Ag Order: version 3.0

Ag Order 3.0 Timeline



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Summary of Previous Discussion Items

- July 2016 Board Meeting
 - Groundwater monitoring frequency
 - Pesticide use changes and monitoring
- September 2016 Board Meeting
 - Groundwater monitoring in “2017”
 - Neonicotinoid and pyrethroid pesticide monitoring
 - Total Nitrogen Applied requirement expansion
 - Term of Ag Order 3.0

Draft Order Released

- November 1, 2016: available to public
- Public comments due January 3, 2017
- 63-day comment period
 - Law requires 10-day

Outreach Events

- August 15, 2016: Webcast with technical service providers
- August 15, 2016: Webcast with Environmental and EJ advocates
- August 23, 2016: Grower workshop Salinas
- August 24, 2016: Grower workshop Santa Maria
- August 31, 2016: Grower workshop San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau
- September 9, 2016: Webcast with CDFA, DPR, State Board
- October 17, 2016: Webcast with technical service providers
- November 7, 2016: Grower workshop San Luis Obispo Co. Farm B. (north)
- November 9, 2016: Webcast with technical service providers
- November 10, 2016: Grower workshop San Luis Obispo Co. Farm B (south)
- November 14, 2016: Webcast , CDFA, DPR, State Board, Co Env Health
- November 16, 2016: Grower workshop Santa Maria
- November 28, 2016: Grower Workshop Salinas
- November 29, 2016: Grower Workshop Monterey County Farm Bureau

Current and continued input from
Board and Stakeholders
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Staff Evaluation
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Draft Ag Order 3.0

Total Nitrogen Applied

- Expansion of existing requirement to all Tier 2/3 ranches growing high risk crops
- Nitrogen reported on all crops grown on ranch
- Estimate increase:
 - Ranches: from 600 to 1700
 - Acres: from 97,000 to 230,000

Groundwater Monitoring

- Continued groundwater monitoring requirement
- 2017 target year
 - All domestic and primary irrigation wells
- Same frequency as current requirement
- Monitoring by coalitions: proposals welcome
 - Santa Rosa Creek Valley
 - Central Coast Groundwater Coalition

Surface Water Monitoring

- Added one neonicotinoid pesticide: Clothianidin
- Added pesticide monitoring in 2018
 - So 2017 and 2018 required
- Sediment and water toxicity testing required 2017, 2018, 2019

Term of Ag Order 3.0

- Three years
- Working on Ag Order 4.0
- Regular updates to stakeholders and board

Other Changes

- Reporting date: March 1st
 - Requested by growers/consultants
 - Previously October 1
 - Ex. Total Nitrogen Applied, Annual Compliance Form
- Total Nitrogen Applied Reporting Period:
 - January 1st – December 31
 - Previously September 1 – August 31
- Changes to eNOI form
- No photo monitoring requirement

Reminder

- Draft Order posted on our website for review
www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast
- Written comments due by January 3, 2017
See the “Notice” on our website for details
- Water Board will consider adoption:
March 7-9 meeting in Watsonville

Discussion