



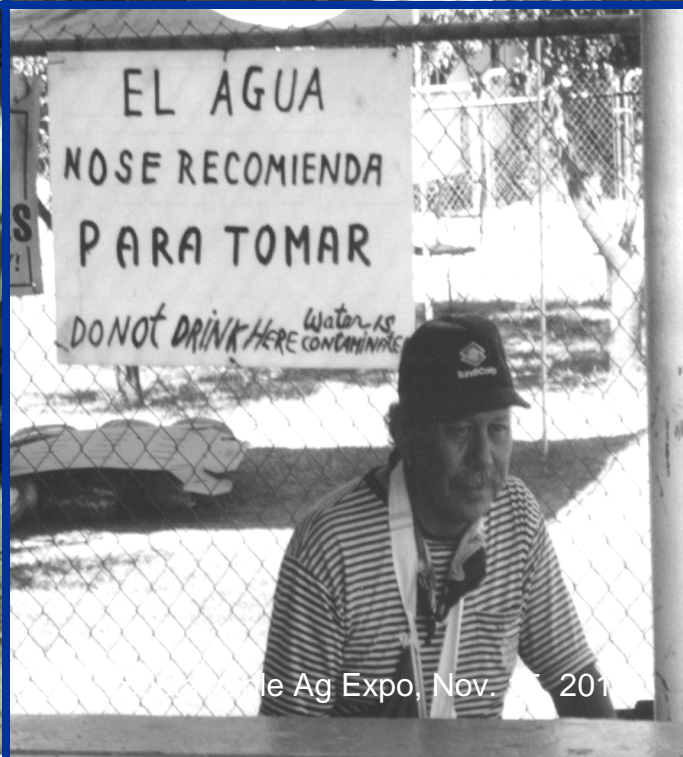
**DRAFT AGRICULTURAL ORDER**  
**Central Coast Water Board**  
**November 15, 2010 Sustainable Ag Expo**



Sustainable Ag Expo, Nov. 15, 2010

# Overview

- What's in the Draft Ag Order?
- Why a New Order?
- How Did We Get Here?
- What's Next?





# AGRICULTURAL ORDER OBJECTIVES

- Reduce pollutant loading to surface water and groundwater;
- Meet water quality standards;
- Protect beneficial uses of water, particularly drinking water.



# Draft Order Content

- Tiers
- Implementation
- Monitoring
- Reporting

# Tiers

- Threat of discharge to surface water
- Threat of discharge to groundwater
- Proximity to degraded stream
  
- Greater threat, more requirements and/or monitoring

# Implementation

- To reduce or eliminate pollutants in discharge
- Water quality management practices
  - Pesticide load reductions- irrigation management or chemical use practices
  - Irrigation and nutrient management plans
  - Erosion and sediment discharge controls
- Groundwater protection

# Monitoring

- Watershed-scale, in-stream monitoring
- Groundwater well sampling
- Individual discharge monitoring
- Photo-documentation of physical management practices

# Reporting

- Results of in-stream monitoring
- Groundwater sampling results
- Annual compliance document
- Status of management practice implementation
- Results of individual discharge monitoring

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- Consistency with State Nonpoint Source Pollution Policy
  - Practices to control waste discharges
  - Evaluation of practice effectiveness
  - Implementation tracking and monitoring

# Water Quality Conditions and Impacts of Agricultural Discharges

- Groundwater conditions
- Surface water conditions

# How Did We Get Here?

- Expiration of existing Order
- Outreach and preparation of revised Order
- Feb 1 Preliminary Draft Recommendations
- Public Workshops and Outreach
- New Draft as Response

# COMMENTS

- Costs
- Complexity
- Reasonableness of implementation
- Reasonableness of monitoring
- Reasonableness of reporting
- Reasonableness of milestones
- One size does not fit all
- Flexibility
- Timeframes
- Process to develop draft order

# IDEAS FOR NEW ORDER PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

- Multiple orders (for prioritization)
- Tiered monitoring and reporting
- Compliance reports on implementation progress
- Adjust timeframes

# What's Next?

- Public Comment Period through December 2010
- Respond to Comments and Revise Order through Feb 2011
- Present Recommendation to Board at Board Meeting- March 18, 2011

# What's Next?

- Check Water Board website for
  - Draft Order and supporting documentation
  - Comments submitted

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- Participate in public process
  - Submit written comments
  - Attend Board Meetings

# CONCLUSIONS

- Draft Order requirements
- Water quality conditions
- Water Board accountability
- Draft Order responsive to input
- Draft Order to Board March 18, 2010