

LETTER 7 - Clay Rodgers, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Response to Comment 7-1

The County recognizes the commentor's clarification that the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities is a separate permitting requirement that is required whether a dairy facility has other NPDES permitting requirements or not.

Response to Comment 7-2

In response to the comment, the text on page 4.3-17 of the Draft PEIR has been modified.

Response to Comment 7-3

Please refer to the Response to Comment 7-2.

Response to Comment 7-4

The comment is noted for the record. The County supports ongoing research to refine the RWQCB regulation of dairy operations.

Response to Comment 7-5

The comment is noted for the record. The PEIR provides the current citation of the confined animal facility regulations.

Response to Comment 7-6

In response to the comment, page J-6 of Appendix J of the Element has been modified to maintain a consistent name for the Comprehensive Dairy Process Water Application Plan.

Response to Comment 7-7

The estimation of the theoretical maximum dairy herd was made using the animal unit factors cited in the comment. The description of the assumptions for the herd estimate has been revised in Section II B of the Element to reflect the correct factors. The comment and this response do not affect the estimated herd size reported in the PEIR.

Response to Comment 7-8

Please refer to Response to Comment 7-7. In response to this comment, the definitions in Appendix B of the Element have been modified.