

# Dairy Digesters in the Central Valley



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# Regional Board Boundaries



# Central Valley Dairies

- About 1250 Dairies in Central Valley
- 1.7 Million Milk Cows in Central Valley
- Producing an Estimated 3.6 Million Dry Tons Manure/Year

# Dairy Digester General Orders

- Two General Orders for Digesters
- Dairy General Order
- Reduce Permit Time by 75%
- Consistent regulations for similar facilities
- EIR completed by Central Valley Water Board
- Require Notice of Intent & Notice of Applicability

# CAL/EPA Consolidated Permit

- Applicant Can Request to Have All State Permits Coordinated by One State Agency
- Single Point of Contact for Multiple Permits
- Central Valley Water Board's Role

# CVWB Digester Program

## Project Objectives

- Simplify Regulatory Process
- Reduce future costs to comply with CEQA by evaluating impacts in the Program EIR
- Provide an alternate waste management method for dairy waste and other waste streams and create a new revenue source for California dairies.
- Assist in meeting greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures in the AB 32 Scoping Plan



# Questions?