

Agricultural Diversions and Water Quality Work Group

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FOURTH MEETING Time : 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Date: **March 22 (thursday), 2007**

Location: Colorado Farm Bureau
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Directions:

turn west on East Dry Creek Road off I-25
turn south (left) on Chester (the first light)
turn west (right) onto East Mineral Circle
Farm Bureau center is on the corner

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Initial Scoping of Options for Implementation of Narrative Standards*
in permits for protection of agricultural uses.

*The narrative standards are expressed at:

31.11 BASIC STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SURFACE WATERS OF THE STATE

All surface waters of the state are subject to the following basic standards; however, discharge of substances regulated by permits which are within those permit limitations shall not be a basis for enforcement proceedings under these basic standards:

- (1) Except where authorized by permits, BMPs, 401 certifications, or plans of operation approved by the Division or other applicable agencies, state surface waters shall be free from substances attributable to human-caused point source or nonpoint source discharge in amounts, concentrations or combinations which:
 - (a) for all surface waters except wetlands;
 - (iv) are harmful to the beneficial uses or toxic to humans, animals, plants, or aquatic life;.....

The integration of standards into permits is expressed at:

31.14 INTEGRATION INTO DISCHARGE PERMITS

(4) Discharge permits will be issued by the Division to comply with basic, narrative, and numeric standards and control regulations so that all discharges to state surface waters protect the classified uses. For new standards, revised standards that have become more stringent, and new interpretations of existing standards, the Division shall include schedules of compliance in permits when it determines such schedules to be necessary and appropriate. Where no statewide or site-specific numeric standard exists for a constituent of concern, the Division may establish effluent limitations or other permit conditions for such constituent if necessary to comply with the narrative standards in section 31.11(1). Such effluent limitations shall be developed in a manner consistent with the Commission's methodology for establishing numeric water quality standards and, if applicable, shall be consistent with the criteria contained in table I, II and III of this regulation. In such circumstances, upon the request of any interested person, the Commission may hold a rulemaking hearing to consider the adoption of a numerical standard, which would then be binding.

- III. Next Meeting