

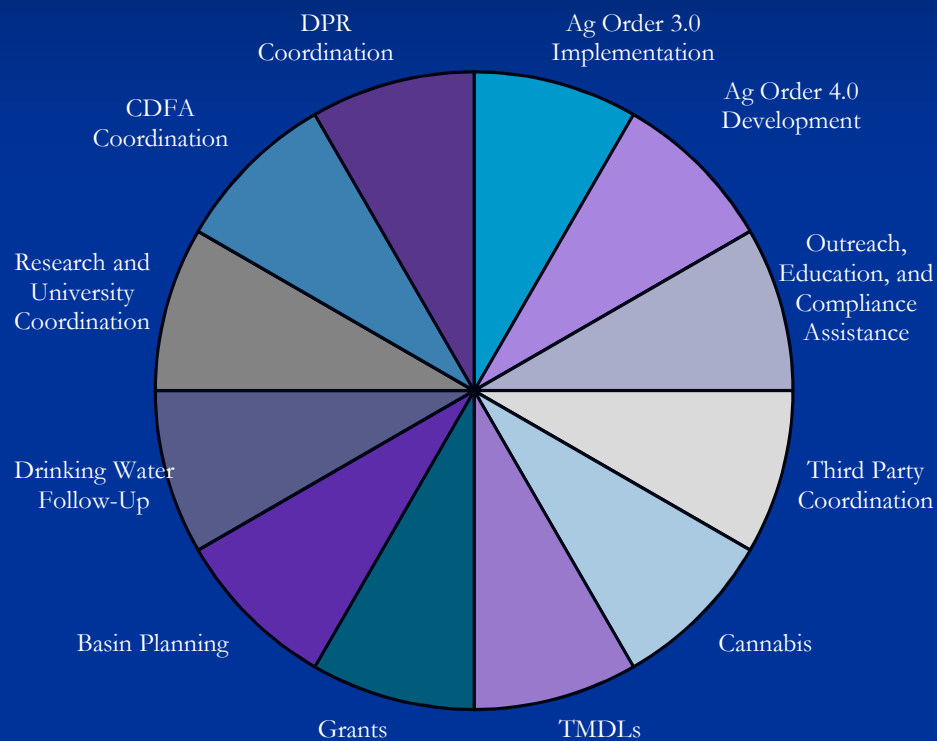
Ag Order 4.0 Update Item 16

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Components of Ag Program



- Ag Program purpose is to protect Beneficial Uses and achieve Water Quality Objectives
- Ag Orders are only a part of the program
- Stakeholder engagement
- Coordination with other Water Board programs
- Human Right to Water
- Coordination with other agencies

Outline

- Background
- Development and Outreach Timeline
- Summary of public scoping “listening sessions” held in August

Background

- Ag Order 1.0 adopted July 2004
- Ag Order 2.0 adopted March 2012
 - 4 year renewal process (August 2008 – March 2012)
- Ag Order 3.0 adopted March 2017
 - <1 year renewal process (July 2016 – March 2017)
 - 3 year order, expires March 7, 2020
- Ag Order 4.0 target adoption prior to March 7, 2020
 - <2.5 years remaining

Ag Order 4.0 Development and Outreach Timeline



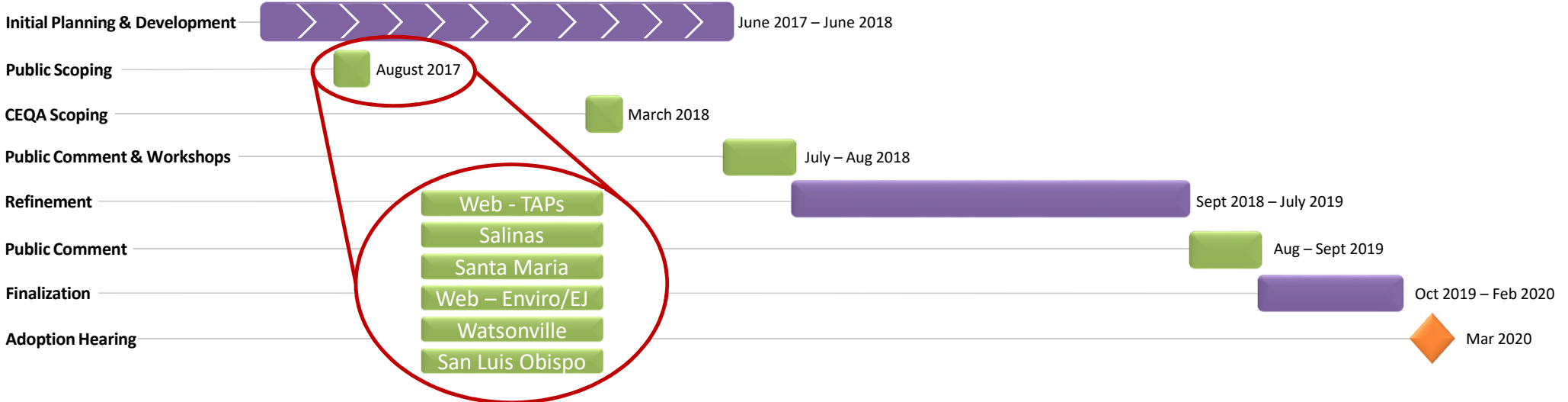
Initial Planning & Development

June 2017 – June 2018

- Public scoping meetings
- Review and incorporation of comments
- Data gathering and literature review
- Assessment of current water quality conditions
- CEQA analysis and document creation
- Nonpoint Source policy compliance
- Antidegradation policy compliance
- Board meetings
- Inter-agency coordination
- Creation of draft requirements
- Legal review and release of draft documents

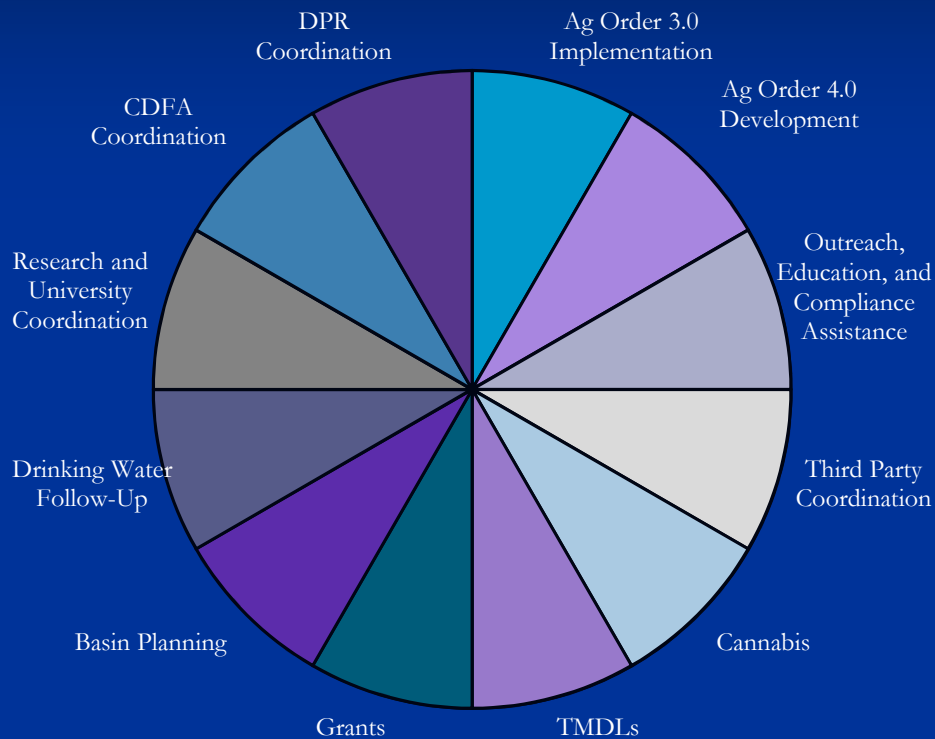
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- Ag Order 4.0 development is concurrent with all other aspects of Ag Program
- Large variety of outreach opportunities and formats
- Many opportunities to hear from variety of stakeholders

Timeline - Summary

- Less than 2.5 years until March 2020
 - 3 drafts
 - Comply with all relevant policies and procedures
- Extensive public comment opportunities
 - ~120 days of written public comment periods
 - Outreach windows representing many individual meetings
 - 6 meetings held so far
 - Day-to-day input from growers
- Many opportunities for Board updates along the way

Public Scoping Meetings - Purpose

- Listening sessions
- Provide the public with an opportunity to discuss Ag Order 3.0
 - Hear from wide range of stakeholders and interested parties
 - What is/is not working
 - Areas for improvement

Listening Sessions - Dates and Locations

- August 3, 2017: Webcast with grower representatives and technical assistance providers
- August 7 2017: Public scoping meeting Salinas
- August 10, 2017: Public scoping meeting Santa Maria
- August 14, 2017: Webcast with environmental and environmental justice representatives
- August 15, 2017: Public scoping meeting Watsonville
- August 16, 2017: Scoping meeting San Luis Obispo Farm Bureau

Listening Sessions - Topics

- Structure
 - Enrollment
 - Tiers
 - Annual Compliance Form
- Surface receiving water monitoring
 - Approach and requirements
 - Cooperative monitoring
- Groundwater monitoring
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- Total Nitrogen Applied reporting
- Tier 3 requirements
 - Individual surface discharge monitoring
 - Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan and effectiveness reporting
 - Water Quality Buffer Plan
- Missing requirements or water quality issues

Summary

- Ag Order 4.0 planning and development is underway
 - Target adoption March 2020
- Robust outreach and public input process planned
 - 6 listening sessions already completed
 - Full spectrum of comments heard during listening sessions

Conclusion

- Purpose of the Ag Program is to protect Beneficial Uses and achieve Water Quality Objectives
- Ag Order 4.0 is being developed in alignment with this purpose
- Development process is comprehensive
 - Extensive outreach
 - Significant analyses to be performed by staff
 - Fits within the Board's directed schedule of adoption by 2020

Discussion