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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Having carefully weighed the contents of the hearing record from the June 3, 2015 milk pricing hearing, the Department has decided to amend the Class 4b pricing formula in the Stabilization and Marketing Plans for Market Milk (Plans).

The Department has decided to:

- For a period of one year, August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016, replace the current dry whey scale in the Class 4b pricing formula with the following dry whey scale, based on dry whey:

Monthly Average Dry Whey Price (\$/lb)	Whey Factor Value (\$/cwt.)
< \$0.21	\$0.0000
≥ \$0.21 and < \$0.24	\$0.2500
≥ \$0.24 and < \$0.27	\$0.3850
≥ \$0.27 and < \$0.30	\$0.5200
≥ \$0.30 and < \$0.33	\$0.6550
≥ \$0.33 and < \$0.36	\$0.7900
≥ \$0.36 and < \$0.39	\$0.9250
≥ \$0.39 and < \$0.42	\$1.0600
≥ \$0.42 and < \$0.45	\$1.1950
≥ \$0.45 and < \$0.48	\$1.3300
≥ \$0.48 and < \$0.51	\$1.4650
≥ \$0.51 and < \$0.54	\$1.6000
≥ \$0.54 and < \$0.57	\$1.7350
≥ \$0.57 and < \$0.60	\$1.8700
≥ \$0.60	\$2.0050

Had these changes been in effect from April 2010 to March 2015, the effect of these changes would have resulted in a five-year monthly average increase of \$1.01/cwt. in the Class 4b price and \$0.46/cwt. in Quota and Overbase prices.

The changes to the Class 4b pricing formula will be reflected in the amendments to the Plans for the Northern California and Southern California Marketing Areas, Order





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Numbers 61 and 76, respectively. The adjustments to the Plans will take effect for milk processed on or after August 1, 2015.

The Hearing Determinations, Panel Report, Plans and documents related to the hearing can be obtained on the Dairy Marketing home page at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy) by clicking on [Hearing Matrix]. To access the Plans, click on [Dairy Marketing], located in the middle of the dairy home page and then on [Stabilization Plans].

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