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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH EXEMPTION CRITERIA TO THE POINT SOURCE WASTE DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS BY REVISING THE ACTION PLAN FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES AND ADDING A NEW ACTION PLAN FOR LOW THREAT DISCHARGES (LOW THREAT DISCHARGE AMENDMENT)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of an amendment to the Basin Plan that would establish exemption criteria to the Point Source Waste Discharge Prohibitions by revising the action plan for storm water discharges and adding a new action plan for low threat discharges (Low Threat Discharge Amendment). The amendment, the State Water Board agenda language, and draft resolution are available on the State Water Board's Web Site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/index.shtml#rb1 or can be received by mail by contacting Nirmal Sandhar at (916) 341-5571. The amendment was adopted by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (North Coast Water Board) on July 23, 2009 under Resolution No. R1-2009-0004. Notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approval of the amendment will be published separately.

Comment letters to the State Water Board must be received by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 16, 2011**. After the February deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments unless the State Water Board determines that such comments should be accepted. Please send comments on the proposed State Water Board approval of the amendment to: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, by email at (commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) (If 15 megabytes in size or less), (916) 341-5620 (Fax), or by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

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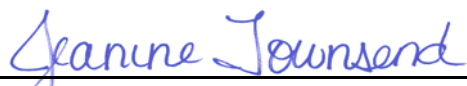
Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – North Coast Water Board Low Threat Discharge**".

Incorporation of Comments by Reference: Comments must specifically address the version of the amendment that is currently being considered for approval by the State Water Board. If similar or identical comments were submitted to the North Coast Water Board, the commenter must explain why and in what manner each of the responses provided by the North Coast Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect. If the comment does not include such an explanation, the State Water Board will presume that the North Coast Water Board's response adequately addressed the commenter's concern.

Please direct questions about this notice to Nirmal Sandhar, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5571 (nsandhar@waterboards.ca.gov) or Steven H. Blum, Senior Staff Counsel at, (916) 341-5177 (sblum@waterboards.ca.gov).

January 13, 2011

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board