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Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 2:22 PM
To: Hallis, Debra@Waterboards
Subject: RE: Notice of Public Hearing on Renewal of Conditional Waiver of Timber Harvesting Activities

Re: Notice of Intent to Renew Order R5-2010-0022 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvesting Activities (Waiver).

The following comments are offered for your consideration:

- The Waiver should be renewed with modifications.
    - See page 8, paragraph 14 of the proposed Order R5-2014-XXX. The effective period of the new order should be for the full five (5) years allowed under the law instead of the three (3) years proposed. It may take longer than anticipated for the Board of Forestry to adopt and the Office of Administrative Law to approve Forest Practice Rules covering the Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP). Water Quality staff would then have a reduced amount of time to assess and respond to permitting needs. If WQ Staff determined that the time frame for consideration is too compressed, then another renewal of the Waiver would be necessary. This could result in additional staff time and expenses in order to go through the Public Hearing process for another Renewal of the Waiver. If the WFMP rule package is approved and WQ Staff completes their evaluation is less than five (5) years, then a Modified Renewal or New Order could be considered at that time, and if passed, would supersede any remaining portion of the five year period.
    - See Attachment C, Page 4, Forensic Monitoring. There should be just one Forensic Monitoring visit following 10 inches of total precipitation for the season. The current strategy of two Forensic visits, one at 5 inches and the other at 15 inches total precipitation, results in visits that are frequently only a few weeks apart. This extra visit is a significant investment of forestry staff time and we find very little change between the two visit dates.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments.

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This is a message from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley (5).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED ADOPTION RENEWING CONDITIONAL WAIVER FOR DISCHARGES RELATED TO TIMBER HARVESTING ACTIVITIES

Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) Order R5-2010-0022, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvesting Activities (Waiver), is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2015. Staff proposes to renew the Waiver in its current form for three years to provide staff time to address permitting needs for the new Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP) process being developed by the California Board of Forestry. The regulations necessary to implement the WFMP are required by AB 904 to be in place by January 1, 2016.

The Central Valley Water Board is seeking public, industry, and agency input on the proposed three year renewal of the existing waiver. Staff expects to present the proposed order for Central Valley Water Board consideration at the board's regular meeting on December 4/5, 2015. Please see the attached Cover letter and Notice of Public Hearing.

Please note the following dates:
Written Public Comment Deadline – October 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Central Valley Water Board Hearing – December 4/5, 2014

Please direct any questions to:
Debra Hallis at 530-224-4801 or Debra.Hallis@waterboards.ca.gov

Interested parties may download the proposed Order, the Notice of Public Hearing and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website after 5 p.m. September 9, 2014 at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.