

ATTACHMENT 3

REGIONAL WATER BOARD DECEMBER 3, 2003 ADOPTED MOTIONS

ITEM 17 – UPDATE AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON WORK EFFORTS IN THE FIVE HUMBOLDT COUNTY WATERSHEDS.

MOTION 1

The Board finds that additional Regional Water Board regulatory and non-regulatory actions, beyond the current program... are necessary to address the water quality impacts due to rate and scale of land disturbing activities in the Five Watersheds.

MOTION 2

Staff shall require [the submission of] reports of waste discharge, leading to WDRs on a watershed-unit or segment basis, with larger mitigation ratios as appropriate, in Elk and Freshwater. Sufficient notice shall be given to allow adequate time for preparation of environmental documentation.

MOTION 3

The Board finds that water quality benefits can be derived from short-term remediation actions. The Board therefore directs the Executive Officer to prepare a proposal for pursuing short-term in-stream remediation options, exclusive of dredging. The proposal will consider, among other appropriate measures, the [removal] of channel obstructions, placement of woody debris, and construction of sediment detention basins.

MOTION 4

Cleanup and Abatement Order No. RB1-2002-0114 [shall] be revised to clarify the inclusion of South Fork Elk River in the Order.

MOTION 5

The Executive Officer [is] directed to jointly develop a time schedule with Pacific Lumber Company to address cleanup of sediment sites in the Bear, Stitz and Jordan Creek watersheds. The Executive Officer is further directed to issue a Cleanup and Abatement or 13267(b) if the first dates in the cooperative schedule are not met. The Board further directs the Executive Officer to develop a Time Schedule Order if the dates in the order are not met.

MOTION 6

The Board finds that further actions are needed to deal with cumulative impacts. Until the watershed-wide (watershed segment and/or watershed-unit based) WDRs are in place, staff should develop additional mitigation measures as necessary to address cumulative impacts for individual THPs. These measures can include, but are not limited to, road mitigations, sediment budgets, increased mitigation ratios, and year-round requirements.

MOTION 7

Based on the testimony received, the Board finds that a new period of interagency cooperation should be initiated between the agencies to achieve common environmental goals and objectives and develop joint regulatory efforts to achieve Basin Plan objectives.