

Executive Officer's Summary Report
8:30 a.m., January 19, 2012
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
David C. Joseph Hearing Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, California

Item: 11

Subject: **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0010 to consider the matter of an Extension of Limited Term Amendment Order No. R1-2011-0038, to NTMP Provisions of Order No. R1-2009-0038, **Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region**

On March 24, 2011, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2011-0038, the *Limited Term Amendment to Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) Provisions of Order No. R1-2009-0038, Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region* (referred to as the Limited Term Amendment).

The intent of the Limited Term Amendment is to evaluate the adequacy of the Forest Practice Rules to protect water quality within NTMPs, including the application of the new Anadromous Salmonid Protection rules, which went in effect January 2010. Regional Water Board staff has made significant progress with several investigations in collaboration with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; however, additional time is needed to collect a sufficient amount of data in order to form an effective evaluation. Without an extension, the new NTMP provisions included in the 2009 Timber Waiver would be re-instated on February 1, 2012.

Therefore, a short term extension/renewal of the existing Limited Term Amendment is necessary and appropriate. The tentative Order under consideration today proposes to extend the terms of the Limited Term Amendment to August 23, 2012.

The tentative Order was publicly noticed and the comment period ended on December 8, 2012. The notice was posted on the Regional Water Board webpage and distributed to an extensive interested party subscription list. Regional Water Board received four comment letters during the comment period, and responses are included in the agenda package.

PRELIMINARY STAFF
RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Order No. R1-2012-0010 as proposed.