

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: 12

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing** on Resolution No. R1-2012-0008, to consider the Short Term Renewal of the **Conditional Waiver for Discharges Related to Specific Land Management Activities in the Shasta River Watershed**, North Coast Region

#### Discussion

Proposed Resolution No. R1-2012-0008 provides a short term renewal of an existing conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Waiver) for specific land management activities in the Shasta River watershed until a renewed or revised Waiver can be considered and adopted. No changes to the Waiver are recommended at this time.

Resolution No. R1-2006-0052, *Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region to Include the Action Plan for the Shasta River Watershed, a Major Tributary to the Klamath River, Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Total Maximum Daily Loads*, was adopted on June 28, 2006, and the Action Plan for the Shasta River Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Total Maximum Daily Load (Shasta River Action Plan) was incorporated into the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region on January 26, 2007. The Shasta River Action Plan includes a conditional Waiver, which is the primary regulatory mechanism used to provide coverage for land management activities in the Shasta River watershed that are not covered by other existing regulatory programs.

The Waiver conditionally waives the requirement to file reports of waste discharge and obtain waste discharge requirements for discharges addressed in the Shasta River Action Plan, for dischargers who choose to participate in on-going collaborative programs, including the implementation of the recommended measures described in Table 4 of the Shasta River Action Plan. In accordance with Water Code section 13269, subdivision (a)(2), the Shasta River Waiver expires on January 26, 2012, five years after its adoption.

Regional Water Board staff are in the process of collecting and evaluating information that will be used to renew or revise the existing Shasta River Waiver, but this analysis will not be finalized before the scheduled expiration of the existing Waiver.

Consequently, a short term renewal of the existing Shasta River Waiver is needed to continue coverage of specific land management activities while staff completes a review of the Waiver. It is essential that the existing Shasta River Waiver remain in effect until a renewed or revised Waiver is considered and adopted. Without a Waiver, dischargers participating in on-going collaborative programs will be without regulatory coverage. With a short-term renewal, programs and activities being conducted under the existing Waiver can continue without interruption, provided they comply with the conditions and criteria of the Shasta River Action Plan.

The Regional Board has notified interested parties of its intent to renew the Shasta River Waiver through August 2012. There were no comments received.

PRELIMINARY STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. R1-2012-0008 as proposed.