

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2015
Regional Water Board Offices
Santa Rosa

ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: Resolution No. R1-2015-0007: Expressing appreciation to Office of Attorney General in the matter of Pacific Lumber Company and Scotia Pacific Company LLC damages suit

BOARD ACTION: Consider adoption of a resolution expressing appreciation to Office of Attorney General litigation team in the matter of Pacific Lumber Company and Scotia Pacific Company LLC damages suit

BACKGROUND: In December 2006, Pacific Lumber Company and Scotia Pacific Company LLC filed suit against the State of California, the State Water Resources Control Board and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board for alleged breach of the *Headwaters Agreement*. The law suit sought money damages estimated at over \$700 million and injunctive relief that would limit the Water Boards' ability to protect rivers of California's north coast under the authority of California's Porter-Cologne Act and the federal Clean Water Act. The defense was a seven-year effort with close to 30 attorneys from the Office of Attorney General working at some point on some aspect of the case. This Resolution is intended to recognize that effort, particularly of Jan Zabriskie, who was responsible for bringing discipline to the litigation team.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Resolution No. R1-2015-0007