

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
Thursday, February 2, 2017
Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
Santa Rosa, California

ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2017-0001 to consider adoption of proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District, Freshwater Tissue LLC, and Louisiana Pacific Corporation, Samoa Solid Waste Disposal Site, Class III Waste Management Unit, WDID No. 1B730610HUM (*Gina Morrison*)

BOARD ACTION: The Board will consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2017-0001.

BACKGROUND: The Site is presently regulated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board Waste Discharge Requirements Orders No. R1-2003-0064 and R1-2003-0125b. The Proposed Order will update the Waste Discharge Requirements and rescind Orders No. R1-2003-0064 and 0125b for the Site.

The Proposed Order's main changes from the previous Orders are to the Monitoring and Reporting Program, reducing the requirements to reflect its current stable post-closure status. The Proposed Order also updates the current ownership; updates requirements to reflect the post-closure Site status; and updates requirements to include other factors such as changes to the Basin Plan or policy changes.

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (Harbor District), Freshwater Tissue LLC, and Louisiana Pacific Corporation (LP) Samoa Solid Waste Disposal Site (Site) is located on the Samoa Peninsula approximately two miles south of State Route 255 off of Navy Base Road. LP operated the solid waste disposal site on 36 acres of land with approximately 15 acres of that area used for waste disposal.

The Site ownership has changed multiple times since the Site closed and the Harbor District and Freshwater Tissue LLC currently own the Site. LP no longer owns the Site, but has remained a co-discharger for the purpose of providing the financial assurance. The Harbor District is acting as the Site operator.

The Site has four closed and capped Waste Management Units (WMU), WMU No.1, WMU No.2, WMU No. 2A, and WMU No. 3. The wastes contained at the Site are approximately 98 percent wood ash with less than one percent each of slaker grits (unreacted lime nodules from the pulping process), pulp rejects, wood chips, and construction debris. Over 400,000 cubic yards of ash are contained within the WMUs.

The Site had been in operation since 1970 but ceased to accept solid waste in May 1997. The landfill was capped during the summer and fall of 1998 while still owned by LP.

Regional Water Board staff received timely comments on the Draft Order from two of the three Dischargers. Staff made minor changes to the Draft Order in response to comments. The changes were acceptable to the Dischargers. The Proposed Order is uncontested.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Order and MRP No. R1-2017-0001, as proposed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Proposed Order No. R1-2017-0001
2. Staff Response to Written Comments
3. Comment Email from Bob Simpson dated September 29, 2016
4. Comment Email from April Ingram dated October 12, 2016
5. Public Notice