

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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Notice of Public Hearing

For

Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)
Order No. R1-2014-0003, NPDES Permit No. CA0005843

For

Mendocino Forest Products, LLC
Ukiah Sawmill Complex
WDID No. 1B800510MEN

Mendocino County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider adoption of the above proposed Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the Mendocino Forest Products, LLC Ukiah Sawmill Complex. Proposed WDR Order No. R1-2014-0003 will replace WDR and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Order No. R1-2002-0086 and will also serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for a period of five years. The Order will be available for public comment between December 26, 2013 and January 27, 2014.

Public Hearing Procedures

Public hearings to consider comments and objections to the proposed Orders are scheduled for March 13, 2014, at 8:30 a.m., in Santa Rosa, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A in Santa Rosa, California. At the public hearings, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Orders.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning these hearings, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on January 27, 2014, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for these public hearings.

Submittal of a copy of the draft Order with underline/strikeout requested changes will not be accepted as formal comments and will not be transmitted to the Regional Water Board because that format does not provide sufficient explanation and rationale regarding the nature and scope of the requested changes for Regional Water Board staff to evaluate.

Instead formal comments shall be submitted in a letter format with requested changes and supporting arguments and documentation included.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at these hearings must submit written statements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board no later than January 27, 2014. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at these public hearings. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger may be limited to three minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at these public hearings. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at these public hearings, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals, when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The draft Order, related documents, and comments, received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

The draft Order is also available for review on the North Coast Regional Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

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