California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Amendment Order No. R1-2013-0011

Amending Waste Discharge Requirements
Order No. R1-2002-0037 and
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2002-0037
by Removing Permit Requirements
Related to the Sawmill and Storm Water

For

California Redwood Company, Korbel Woodwaste Disposal Site
(Formerly owned by Simpson Timber Company)
WDID No. 1B75147OHUM

Humboldt County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. California Redwood Company, formerly known as Simpson Timber Company (hereinafter Permittee), is the owner and operator of the Korbel sawmill and woodwaste disposal site at 1165 Maple Creek Road, Korbel, California (hereinafter Site).

2. Discharges of waste from the Site include surface water and land discharges from the sawmill and wood waste disposal site, including storm water. All discharges have been regulated pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R1-2002-0037 and accompanying Monitoring and Reporting Program (together referred to as "Permit"), which expired on May 16, 2007, but remains in force and effect until rescinded or a new permit is issued. On October 5, 2012, the Permittee enrolled the sawmill under the *State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 97-03-DWQ, NPDES General Permit No. CAS000001 and Waste Discharge Requirement for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities Excluding Construction Activities* (General Storm Water Permit).

3. The Site discharges storm water to waters of the United States from an existing general sawmill with log storage and handling areas and a woodwaste disposal site, which are the types of manufacturing facilities covered by the General Storm Water Permit. The Permittee's Notice of Intent application for coverage under the General Storm Water Permit only included Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) 2421, 2411 for discharges from the sawmill without an SIC covering discharges from the woodwaste disposal site. This Order requires the Permittee to apply for coverage

under the General Storm Water Permit for the woodwaste disposal site so that all storm water discharges from the Site that are not commingled with process water will be covered under the General Storm Water Permit.

4. The Permittee has hired a consulting firm to develop workplans and/or to conduct work necessary to bring the wood waste disposal site into compliance with the woodwaste disposal requirements of the Permit, including elements such as closure and post-closure plan development, site maintenance, and monitoring. Work products and progress of this effort will help Regional Water Board staff to determine the appropriate form and content of future permits or enforcement action to recommend to the Board with respect to the wood waste disposal site.

5. The sawmill portion of the Permit is required to be reissued on a five-year cycle pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, while the land discharge portions of the Permit associated with the woodwaste disposal site are not subject to such requirements. Therefore, this Order formally separates the sawmill discharge permit from the landfill WDRs to allow for the regulation of the two areas separately. Upon adoption of Order No. R1-2013-0008 and concurrent with the proposed effective date of that Order (July 1, 2013), which supersedes the NPDES portions of R1-2002-0037, this Order will become effective (See Enclosure A the proposed amendment to Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. R1-2002-0037). The Permit (Order No. R1-2002-0037) will remain in effect for discharges to land associated with the wood waste disposal site. This Order also updates the named party on the Permit to reflect the change in ownership to the Permittee.

6. The General Storm Water Permit includes requirements for a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) that is intended to include a discussion on all Best Management Practices (BMPs) (including spill prevention and cleanup, staff training, sampling, source controls and active treatment systems). The General Storm Water Permit also establishes an iterative process whereby the permittee is expected to monitor water quality visually and analytically and upgrade BMPs over time. Monitoring includes indicator parameters and has language for the permittee to monitor other constituents likely to be contained in the effluent. Coverage for the remaining portion of the Order under the General Storm Water Permit would also be consistent with the industry-wide permitting of storm water discharges being applied to all other sawmills in the North Coast Region.

7. Under Title 14 CCR Chapter 3 Article 19 Section 15301, this action to amend Order No. R1-2002-0037 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, as the permitted discharges are from an existing facility.

8. On May 2, 2013, after due notice to the Permittee and all other affected persons, the Regional Water Board conducted a public hearing and evidence was received regarding amendment of the Permit by deleting all sawmill and storm water related portions of the Permit.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The provisions regulating discharges from the Korbel sawmill and storm water in Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2002-0037 are hereby removed.

2. California Redwood Company shall apply for coverage under the General Industrial Storm Water Permit (State Water Resources Control Board Order No. *97-03-DWQ)* for discharges of stormwater from the woodwaste disposal site by the effective date of this Order (July 1, 2013).

3. Staff shall add California Redwood Company as the named party in the Permit.

4. Staff shall amend Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. R1-2002-0037 as shown in Enclosure A.

CERTIFICATION

I, Matthias St. John, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on May 2, 2013.

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Matthias St. John
Executive Officer