North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD
For
Proposed Order No. R1-2015-0020
Short-Term Renewal of Order No. R1-2010-0029
Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements For
Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to
Certain Federal Land Management Activities
On National Forest System Lands in the North Coast Region

On May 7, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider adoption of the above proposed Order to provide short-term renewal of Order No. R1-2010-0029 (2010 USFS Waiver), Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to Certain Federal Land Management Activities on National Forest System Lands in the North Coast Region, which expires on June 10, 2015. Short-term renewal of the 2010 USFS Waiver is necessary to provide Regional Water Board staff additional time to develop a revised draft Waiver, conduct a Regional Water Board Workshop on a revised draft Waiver, and prepare a revised draft Waiver for future consideration by the Regional Water Board. Short-term renewal of the 2010 USFS Waiver is necessary to maintain Waiver coverage on existing and new United States Forest Service projects.

Public Hearing Procedures

The public meeting to consider proposed Order No. R1-2015-0020 has been scheduled for May 7, 2015, in Humboldt County at 9:00 a.m. or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda to be mailed on or around April 22, 2015. The exact meeting location has not been determined and will be announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Order, or take other action.

The Discharger and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office written copies of all technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material concerning this issue by 5:00 p.m. on May 4, 2015.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Dischargers 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 the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board by May 4, 2015. The statements should provide the name of the witness, their qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of their intended testimony. Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted or late accepted written evidence, but shall not add new evidence. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by Regional Water Board Chair and usually will allow no more than ten minutes for Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. 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 this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, 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 proposed Order No. R1-2015-0020 and other related documents are available for public review on our website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/ or by contacting the Regional Water Board office at (707) 576-2220. Public comments regarding the proposed action are limited to proposed Order No. R1-2015-0020 and must be submitted by email to NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov or in writing and received at the Regional Water Board office by 5:00 p.m. on May 4, 2015. In addition, the draft Order, other related documents, and any 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. For further information, please contact Regional Water Board staff member Dean Prat at (707) 576-2801 or at Dean.Prat@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Executive Officer

April 4, 2015

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