

Executive Officer's Summary Report  
9:00 a.m., June 7, 2012  
Willow Creek Community Services District  
Kimtu Cookhouse/Lodge  
135 Willow Road  
Willow Creek, California

Item: 8

Subject: **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0046, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Sierra Pacific Industries Inc., Arcata Division Sawmill**, WDID No. 1B83065OHUM, NPDES Permit No. CA0024520 Humboldt County

## DISCUSSION

Sierra Pacific Industries Inc. (the Permittee) owns and operates a large-log sawmill that manufactures framing lumber, select high grade and industrial lumber, and Douglas fir timbers. The Facility, located outside the city limits of Arcata, Humboldt County, California is directly adjacent to the mouth of Mad River Slough at Humboldt Bay as shown in Attachment B of the draft Order. The Facility consists of a paved log yard, sawmill, planer mill with a chemical application process for wood surface protection, debarker, sorter, dry kiln, fuel storage areas, and equipment maintenance areas. As part of the Permittee's operations at the Facility, water is applied to logs that are stacked within a portion of the Facility known as the log yard. In this process, called wet decking, water is applied to log decks via sprinkler heads from an on-site water supply well up to 24 hours per day at a rate of up to 0.6 mgd to prevent whole logs from drying out and cracking. This activity results in the generation of log yard runoff. Storm water runoff which falls on the log yard area is commingled with sprinkler water flows and the combined flow is described as process water for purposes of this Order.

The draft Order and/or information to access the draft Order on the Regional Water Board website was originally mailed to the Permittee, reviewing interested agencies, and interested persons, and the draft Order was open for public comment between March 12, 2012, and April 27, 2012. The Permittee and US EPA submitted the only comment letters. The draft Order was modified in response to some of the comments received. This permit package includes a Response to Comments document that provides responses to major concerns raised in the comment letters.

Preliminary Staff  
Recommendation:

Adopt Order No. R1-2012-0046 as proposed.