

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing
In The Matter Of
Waste Discharge Requirements
and Mitigated Negative Declaration
for
Timber Harvesting and Related Land Management Activities
Conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC.
In Jordan Creek,
Humboldt County, California

Order No. R1-2014-0036

On August 14, 2014, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), will consider adoption of proposed Order No. R1-2014-0036, *Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Timber Harvesting and Related Land Management Activities Conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC (HRC), in Jordan Creek, Humboldt County, California* and a Mitigated Negative Declaration completed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

If adopted, the proposed Order would establish waste discharge requirements to control the potential for sediment and temperature impacts in the Jordan Creek watershed from timber harvesting, use and maintenance of logging roads, and associated land management activities. HRC submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) on August 29, 2013.

Public Hearing Procedures

The public hearing to consider the proposed Order has been scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board offices, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California or as otherwise noticed in the Meeting Announcement. Please be aware that dates and venues may change.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be received by the Regional Water Board at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov or 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403 no later than the close of the 30-day public review period, at 5:00 p.m., on **June 24, 2014**. This written material will be submitted to the Regional Water Board member and all interested persons along with the full agenda materials.

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 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 the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board. 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 the Regional Water Board Chair and usually allow no more than 15 minutes for Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger and three minutes for other interested persons. A timer may be used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

For directions to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board offices, please refer to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/about_us/contact_us.shtml . Parking for the meetings is available onsite. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Patti Corsie, Executive Assistant, at (707) 576-2307 or patti.corsie@waterboards.ca.gov at least five days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. A form to assist in this process can be found on the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/pdf/2013/130118_NorthCoast_disclosure.pdf

The Water Board is required to post the disclosure on its website and to distribute it via any electronic distribution list for the proposed order. Ex parte disclosures shall not constitute written comments or evidence on a proposed general order. You must provide the comments or evidence by following the procedure and timelines provided above. **Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the board meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for board action.** For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on July 31, 2014. If the board does not take action on August 14, 2014, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the board, the Chair or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the board meeting to which the decision is continued. The board will provide notice via the Lyris and the interested parties email lists for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.