

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

REVISION OF THE CATEGORICAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES RELATED TO SPECIFIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE SCOTT RIVER WATERSHED, NORTH COAST REGION

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a public workshop to discuss proposed revisions to Order No. R1-2006-0081, "Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Specific Land Management Activities in the Scott River Watershed, North Coast Region" (Scott River TMDL Waiver).

When: August 2, 2012, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm.

Where: Fort Jones Community Center
11960 East St., Fort Jones, CA

Who Should Attend: Public and private land owners; state and federal agency representatives, environmental groups; and other interested and concerned groups or individuals.

During the public workshops, Regional Water Board staff will present proposed changes to the Scott River TMDL Waiver, and take comments regarding the content of the proposed waiver. Information presented at the workshop will be considered public comment. A quorum of the Regional Water Board may be present at this meeting. The proposed Scott River TMDL waiver will be heard before the Regional Water Board for possible adoption at the October 4, 2012 Regional Water Board meeting (location to be determined).

Background

The Scott River TMDL Waiver is set to expire on October 31, 2012. On August 9, 2006 the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2006-0081, the Scott River TMDL Waiver. On June 22, 2011, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2011-0063 temporarily extending the Scott River TMDL Waiver until March 31, 2012 to allow staff time to assess the effectiveness of the program as currently implemented. Resolution R1-2012-0030 was adopted on March 15, 2012, further extending the waiver until October 31, 2012. The Waiver waives the requirements to file a Report of Waste Discharge and obtain Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges addressed in the Scott River TMDL Action Plan, for dischargers who choose to participate in collaborative programs including the implementation of recommended measures described in Table 4 of the Scott River TMDL Action Plan.

Information on the Regional Water Board's Scott River Watershed TMDL Program, including the existing Waiver and the Scott TMDL Action Plan, can be found at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/scott_river/
A draft of the proposed waiver will be posted to this site at the beginning of the public comment period on July 12, 2012. Comments will be accepted until August 13, 2012.

Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Patti Corsie at 707-576-2307 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

Staff Contact

Questions regarding the workshop or the revised Scott TMDL Waiver should be directed to Bryan McFadin, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, by phone at 707-576-2751 or email at Bryan.McFadin@waterboards.ca.gov.