

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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## Notice of Application and Public Hearing

of

Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2010-0033  
NPDES Permit No. CA0024040  
WDID No. 1B83118OMEN

for

Freshwater Tissue Company  
Samoa Pulp Mill

Humboldt County

Freshwater Tissue Company has filed an application for renewal of waste discharge requirements for the Samoa Pulp Mill. Staff of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger containing limitations and provisions in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Freshwater Tissue Company is the owner and operator of the Samoa Pulp Mill, which, as proposed will discharge approximately 14.0 million gallons per day of wastewater created during the pulp production process, the energy and chemical recovery processes, and the raw water treatment process to the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States, through an outfall that is approximately 8,200 feet long and provides an initial dilution rate of 115:1. Wastewaters generated from the facility include countercurrent pulp wash-water, black-liquor evaporator condensates, blow-down from the recovery boiler, spent bleaching solutions, and sludge from the raw water treatment plant clarifiers. Wastewaters also include wastewater from maintenance activities during pulp production, scheduled maintenance shutdowns, and unscheduled shutdown periods. Other authorized discharges include fresh water discharged through the outfall to maintain flow in the outfall and storm water from the pulp mill site, which is authorized and conditioned under general waste discharge requirements for industrial storm water.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date:	8:30 a.m., June 10, 2010
Location:	David C. Joseph Hearing Room 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A Santa Rosa, CA

**The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2010.** Comments must be sent to the **attention of Charles Reed**. Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the tentative permit must do so no later than this deadline in order for staff

to have time to consider and respond to such comments. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above. The Chair may refuse to admit evidence, comments, or testimony that does not summarize timely submitted comments if this deadline is not met, and shall refuse to do so where there is a showing of prejudice to any party or the Board. Any person submitting late comments or other evidence must explain why such materials were not submitted by the deadline. The Chair of the North Coast Regional Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and the Regional Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. Oral comments should summarize timely-submitted comments or late-submitted comments that have been accepted by the Chair. The Chair of the North Coast Regional Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

The procedures governing Regional water Board meetings may be found at sections 647 et seq. and 648 et seq. of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, and are available upon request.

All issues raised in petitions brought to the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to California Water Code section 13320 must be raised in the proceedings before the Regional Water Board. Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, if the action or inaction that is the subject of the petition was taken by the regional board after notice and opportunity to comment, the petition will be limited to those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Regional Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

### ***Document Review***

The tentative Order, related documents, and 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. The tentative permit and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders). A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Charles Reed at (707) 576-2752, or by e-mail at [creed@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:creed@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions on this matter.

Catherine Kuhlman  
Executive Officer

March 30, 2010