

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California 96002

PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning

Notice of Intent to Renew Resolution R5-2005-0052 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities (Waiver)

Resolution R5-2005-0052, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities, is scheduled to expire on 31 March 2010. The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board) is required to review and amend the Waiver as necessary before renewing it.

Staff proposes to renew the Waiver in its current form and expects to present the proposed order for Regional Water Board consideration at the board's regular meeting on 17/18/19 March 2010, with one exception. Staff is proposing that the Regional Water Board not waive the requirement to submit a report of waste discharge for Category 3 and Category 4 waivers (see pages 9-10 of Attachment A of the Waiver). As a result, both existing and new dischargers in these categories will be required to pay a fee (currently, \$1,120, but adjusted annually by the State Water Resources Control Board). No new environmental document (California Environmental Quality Act) is required for the renewal of the Waiver.

The Regional Water Board is seeking public, industry, and agency input on the proposed renewal of the Waiver. Specifically, the Regional Water Board is seeking input on the following:

- Whether the Waiver should be renewed in its current form, modified, or allowed to expire.
- If modified, what modifications should be considered.
- Any other information or policy comments related to the Waiver and the Regional Water Board's process for regulating timber harvest activities.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 17/18/19 March 2010

PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board office, Board room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670

Persons wishing to submit written comments or other written materials for this item must submit them to the Regional Board so they are received no later than **10:00 a.m. on 16 February 2010**; however, interested persons are encouraged to submit comments as soon as possible. Emailed comments are preferred, but comments may be submitted via postal mail, email, fax, or delivered to the following:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Timber Harvest Unit
415 Knollcrest Drive Suite 100
Redding, CA 96002
Phone #: 530-224-4845
Fax #: 530-224-4857
E-mail: awilson@waterboards.ca.gov

Written materials submitted after **10:00 on 16 February 2010** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a decision by staff or the Chair to accept them. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and staff or the Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Regional Water Board or any party.

All interested persons may speak at the Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the notice of *Public Hearing concerning Intent to Renew Resolution R5-2005-0052 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities (Waiver)* should contact Ms. Angela Wilson, 530-224-4856. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

