
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 14, 2014

To Interested Parties:

CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE DISCHARGES RESULTING FROM TIMBER HARVEST AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE LAHONTAN REGION "2014 TIMBER WAIVER"

Enclosed is the [Proposed 2014 Timber Waiver](#), including these attachments:

- a. [Attachment A, Definitions](#)
- b. [Attachment B, Waterbody Buffer Zones](#)
- c. [Attachment C, Category 4 Application Form](#)
- d. [Attachment D, Category 4 Implementation Monitoring Form](#)
- e. [Attachment E, Categories 4 & 6 Winter Monitoring Checklist](#)
- f. [Attachment F, Category 5 Application Form](#)
- g. [Attachment G, Categories 5 & 6 Fall Implementation Monitoring Form](#)
- h. [Attachment H, Categories 5 & 6 Winter Implementation Monitoring Form](#)
- i. [Attachment I, Categories 5 & 6 Forensic Monitoring Form](#)
- j. [Attachment J, Categories 5 & 6 Effectiveness Monitoring Form](#)
- k. [Attachment K, Category 6 Application Form](#)
- l. [Attachment L, Photo-Point Monitoring Forms](#)
- m. [Attachment M, Notice of Activity Compliance Form](#)
- n. [Attachment N, Waste Discharge Prohibition Exemption Information](#)
- o. ~~[Attachment O, USFS Monitoring Requirements \(no Att O\)](#)~~
- p. [Attachment P, Summary Table of Monitoring and Reporting Program Requirements](#)
- q. [Attachment Q, Requirements for Piling and Burning in SEZ and Waterbody Buffer Zones](#)
- r. [Comments on tentative draft and Response to Comments](#)

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The Water Board circulated a tentative draft of the 2014 Timber Waiver for a public review on January 24, 2014. The tentative draft documents are available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2014/april/timber/availforcmnts.pdf Following release of the tentative draft, Water Board staff conducted public outreach sessions across the Lahontan Region to gather input on the tentative draft, ahead of the public comment due date of February 24, 2014.

Based on input received at the public outreach sessions and on written comments received, improvements were made in the tentative draft and are now reflected in the Proposed 2014 Timber Waiver. The most significant changes were made to Attachment Q, which specifies requirements for piling and burning in riparian areas. Prescriptive design feature requirements were replaced with performance or outcome-based requirements that focus on vegetation recovery of the burn scar. Simplified checklist and narrative sections about prescribed burns and burn scar vegetation recovery were added to the Category 6 application form and monitoring and reporting forms.

This mailing includes the comments received and Water Board staff's response to those comments. If you wish to provide written comments on the changes from the tentative draft that are reflected in the Proposed 2014 Timber Waiver, your **written comments must be received by no later than 5 pm on March 28, 2014**, for your comments to be included in the agenda packet item sent to the Water Board members ahead of the Board meeting.

The Lahontan Water Board will consider adopting the Proposed 2014 Timber Waiver at its public meeting on April 9-10, 2014, at the Water Board's South Lake Tahoe Annex office. The agenda will be posted at least 10 days prior to the meeting at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/>. If you have any questions, please contact Douglas Cushman at DCushman@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 542-5417.