

Negative Declaration

This statement and attachments constitutes the Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for the project described below.

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To State Clearinghouse: April 13, 2005
Comment Period: April 18 through May 18, 2005
Proposed Adoption Date: July 8, 2005

Project Name: General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements – Timber Harvest Activities in the Central Coast Region

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Project Description: The project consists of a proposal for adopting Timber Harvest Requirements by waiving waste discharge requirements for timber harvest activities that meet specified eligibility criteria and that follow specified conditions. Any such Timber Harvest Requirements issued pursuant to this action would be determined by the Regional Water Board not to adversely affect the quality of or the beneficial uses of the waters of the State, and be in the public interest pursuant to California Water Code Section 13269. Any such Timber Harvest Requirements shall be conditional and may be terminated at any time by the Central Coast Regional Water Board or its Executive Officer.

Project Location: All or parts of San Mateo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Clara, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.

Environmental Finding: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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Other Agencies Who's Approval May be Required: In order to apply for coverage under this proposal, the applicant must have an approved Timber Harvest Plan or Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Public Hearing: San Luis Obispo, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, San Luis Obispo, California 93401 (time to be announced)

Attachments: Regional Board staff report, Resolution No. R3-2005-0066; proposed "General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements – Timber Harvest Activities in the Central Coast Region", Timber Harvest Requirements- Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), Eligibility Criteria Decision Tool (Eligibility Criteria), Initial Study, Negative Declaration, and Negative Declaration Resolution.

How to Submit Comments: The Lead Agency invites comments on the proposal from all interested persons and parties. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2005. Written comments should be addressed to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at the address/fax provided above. Written and/or oral comments will also be accepted at the public hearing. For more information contact: Howard Kolb at (805) 549-3332, or hkolb@waterboards.ca.gov

Item No. 25 Attachment No. 3
July 7-8, 2005 Meeting
Initial Study and Negative
Declaration