

Negative Declaration

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

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To State Clearinghouse: December 23, 2002
Comment Period: December 23, 2002, to January 23, 3003
Proposed Adoption Date: January 30 or 31, 2003

Project Name: **Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities in the Central Valley Region**

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Project Description: The project consists of the adoption of a proposed policy for waiving waste discharge requirements for timber harvest activities that meet specified eligibility criteria and that follow specified conditions. Any such waivers issued pursuant to this policy 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 not be against the public interest pursuant to California Water Code Section 13269. Any such waivers must be conditional and may be terminated at any time by the Regional Water Board or its Executive Officer.

Project Location: All or parts of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba 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: None

Public Hearing: January 30 or 31, 2003, Sacramento, CA (time & location to be announced)

Attachments: Resolution No. _____ ; proposed "Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities" in the Central Valley Region; CEQA Initial Study

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 January 23, 2003. Written comments should be addressed to the Central Valley 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: James Pedri at (530) 224-4845, or pedrij@rb5r.swrcb.ca.gov