

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

29 July 2015

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES RELATED TO TIMBER HARVESTING ACTIVITIES ORDER NO. R5-2014-0144

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will hold two Public Workshops to provide information and solicit public comments on proposed revisions to and renewal of the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvesting Activities (Waiver) on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 – 1:00 p.m. Central Valley Water Board – Rancho Cordova Office 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670	Friday, September 4, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. Central Valley Water Board – Redding Office 364 Knollcrest, Suite 205 Redding, CA 96002
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BACKGROUND

The Waiver is an existing conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for timber harvest activities on both non-federal timber lands and federal timber lands managed by the United States Forest Service. The Waiver was adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 4 December 2014 and expires 31 March 2018. The Board of Forestry recently adopted regulations for drought mortality and the Working Forest Management Plan that require permit coverage from the Central Valley Water Board. However, the existing Waiver as written does not efficiently provide for enrollment. The Public Workshops will serve as a forum to discuss proposed revisions and solicit public comments.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The current Central Valley Water Board Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvesting Activities, Order No. R5-2014-0144, is available on the following webpage:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/timber_harvest/index.shtml

The Board of Forestry's rule package for the Working Forest Management Plan is available on the following webpage:

http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed_rule_packages/

The Board of Forestry's Drought Mortality Regulation is available at:

http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/regulations/approved_regulations/2015_/posted_071415_400_notice_of_approval_and_final_rule_text_2015-0701-02e_app.pdf

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

An agenda for the Public Workshop will be made available at least one week prior to the scheduled dates. The agenda will also include key questions for stakeholders to encourage an open and constructive dialogue regarding specific Waiver revisions.

To ensure adequate space and distribution of the agenda, **please RSVP by August 21, 2015** to Jacqueline Matthews at jacqueline.matthews@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 224-3249.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Rancho Cordova and Redding Offices of the Central Valley Water Board are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Jacqueline Matthews, at least five working days prior to the Workshop date.

Any questions regarding this Workshop should be directed to Jacqueline Matthews at jacqueline.matthews@waterboards.ca.gov or (530) 224-3249.