
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 31, 2016

Mr. William Jones
4195 Big Flat Road
Crescent City, CA 95531

Dear Mr. Jones:

Subject: Notice of Violation for Failure to Enroll Timber Harvest Plan 1-15-144 DEL under Order No. R1-2004-0030, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region

File: Timber Harvest Plan 1-15-144 DEL (Big Flat THP)

This letter is to notify you that you may have violated California Water Code (CWC) Section 13260(a). This CWC section requires that any person discharging or proposing to discharge waste that could affect the quality of waters of the state shall file a report of waste discharge containing information required by the appropriate regional water board. In the North Coast Region, prior to beginning timber harvest activities, landowners must apply for coverage under the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region (GWDR) (Order No. R1-2004-0030), the Categorical Waiver (Order No. R1-2014-0011), or an individual WDR or waiver. Unfortunately, you failed to obtain coverage for THP 1-15-144 DEL under the Categorical Waiver or the GWDR prior to commencement of timber harvest operations.

Compliance with the Specific and General Requirements of the GWDR, including an inventory of Controllable Sediment Discharge Sources (CSDS) in an Erosion Control Plan (ECP) and winter period inspections of the Project area, are intended to ensure compliance with water quality requirements as specified in the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Basin (Basin Plan).

Please be aware that it is your responsibility to ensure you have obtained permit coverage prior to commencement of timber harvest operations. Receipt of an enrollment letter from the Regional Water Board Executive Officer ensures your plan has been enrolled. Failure to

obtain coverage under the GWDR or other Regional Water Board permit, regardless of the reason, may result in administrative civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per day to landowners for unauthorized discharges of waste.

After we determined that timber harvest operations had commenced without permit coverage, we contacted your forestry consultant and received an application for coverage under GWDR Order No. R1-2004-0030 from Blair Forestry Consultants on October 21, 2016. The application for GWDR coverage has been processed and a separate letter documenting enrollment will be provided. It appears that failure to obtain coverage under the GWDR was an oversight and no further action is required to resolve this violation.

Please contact Dean Prat of my staff at 707-576-2801 if you have any questions or need more information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Blatt
Division Chief
Nonpoint Source & Surface Water Protection Division

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