

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
NORTH COAST REGION

Order No. R1-2016-0042

Adding Co-Permittee to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
Permit Order No. R1-2013-0008, NPDES No. CA0005932,  
and Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2013-0009

for

Trinity River Timber Company DBA North Fork Lumber Company and California Redwood  
Company – Korbel Sawmill  
WDID No. 1B800200HUM

Humboldt County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, (hereinafter  
Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. California Redwood Company (CRC) owns and operated the Korbel Sawmill (Facility), located at 1165 Maple Creek Road, Korbel, California, from 2006 until certain Facility operations shut down on February 5, 2015. On April 18, 2016, CRC requested that the Regional Water Board amend National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) No. CA0005932, Order R1-2013-0008 (Permit) and Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2013-0009 (CDO), to clarify that while CRC still owns the Facility, the Trinity River Timber Company dba North Fork Lumber Company (North Fork Lumber Company) is the new Facility operator and should be the Permittee. The Regional Water Board has determined that it is appropriate to name North Fork Lumber Company and CRC as Co-Permittees in the Permit and CDO. The North Fork Lumber Company has been operating and maintaining the Facility since June 1, 2016.
2. Historically, discharges of waste from the Facility included cooling water from the milling processes commingled with storm water from the log yard and hog fueling areas, and log deck sprinkler water and commingled storm water runoff. These discharges have been regulated pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2013-0008 and accompanying Monitoring and Reporting Program (together referred to as "Permit"). The Permit shall expire on June 30, 2018.
3. A CDO was adopted for the Facility on May 2, 2013, and went into effect on July 1, 2013. The CDO was issued due to the Facility's inability to comply with copper and lead limits in the Permit. The CDO provides a compliance schedule to develop, submit, and implement methods of compliance, including developing and implementing pollution prevention activities or constructing necessary treatment facilities to meet the new effluent limitations for copper and lead. The Facility is

required to achieve full compliance with the copper and lead effluent limitations by May 1, 2018.

4. The Facility consists of an unpaved log yard, sawmill, planer mill with a chemical application process for wood surface protection, debarker, sorter, dry kiln, truck fueling and fuel storage areas, and a shop facility. Lumber, log storage yards, and lumber manufacturing operations occur on approximately 112 acres. Onsite operations include: wet and dry log decking and sorting, sawmilling, lumber planing, lumber drying in kilns, lumber storage and shipping, and by-product generation and management.
5. CRC ceased boilers and kilns operation in August 2014, and the sawmill and planing operations in February 2015. Logs were being processed during the second half of 2014 and the first half of 2015, which included log storage, handling, and scaling; log sprinkling operations (wet decking); and log deck cleanup and reclamation activities. The shop facility activities that are still occurring include machinery maintenance; vehicle and equipment repair, maintenance, and fueling; vehicle and equipment washing; and associated particulate and dust control.
6. Items 1, 2, and 4 of the CDO have been completed before the required compliance date listed in the CDO. Item 3 is a biannual assessment of copper and lead at the Facility and will still be required to be submitted January 1 and July 1 of each year. Items 5 through 7 still need to be completed to maintain compliance with the CDO.
7. On April 18, 2016, SHN Engineers & Geologists, on behalf of CRC, prepared and submitted a request to amend the Permit and CDO. CRC has requested that the CDO be amended to change the name of the operator, remove the description of the settling basin valve operations, change the description of the discharge from the constructed wetland, and other minor edits. Additional name change and toxicity testing modifications were requested for the Permit. This Amendment Order modifies the Operator and Owner name in the Permit and CDO; and the remaining requested changes will be addressed when the new Permit is renewed. The Permit is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2018.
8. The Board has notified each discharger of its intent to amend the Orders to reflect the new Operator for the Facility. Additionally, Regional Water Board staff finds that as the Operator of the Facility, it is appropriate to name North Fork Lumber Company as the party primarily responsible for day-to-day operations, including fulfilling the monitoring and reporting requirements under the Order. California Redwood Company remains secondarily responsible for these requirements.
9. This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) (CEQA) in accordance with title 14, sections 15301, and 15061 (b)(3).

10. North Fork Lumber Company began operating the log storage and log sprinkling deck in June 2016. NFLC will be leasing the property from CRC and will rebuilding the Facility, with a startup date scheduled for late 2017 or early 2018.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The North Fork Lumber Company, Operator, will be added as a Co-Permittee in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Order No. R1-2013-0008 and Cease and Desist Order (CDO No. R1-2013-0009).
2. Finding 1 of CDO No. R1-2013-0009 will be amended to reflect that CRC is no longer operating the Facility. The amendment to Finding 1 removes reference to CRC as the operator of the Facility. Additional information about when CRC ceased operation and when NFLC will refurbish the Facility and commence operation was also clarified.
3. Information in Table F-1 of NPDES Order No. R1-2013-0008 has been updated to reflect the Facility Contact, Authorized Person to Sign and Submit Reports and the Mailing Address.
4. Both CRC and North Fork Lumber Company shall comply with the Permit and the CDO. Language has been added to the CDO and Permit to clarify that as the operator of the Facility, it is appropriate to name North Fork Lumber Company as the party primarily responsible for day-to-day operations, including fulfilling the monitoring and reporting requirements under the Permit and CDO. CRC remains secondarily responsible for these requirements.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Matthias St. John, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Cease and Desist Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on December 15, 2016.

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Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer