
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 7, 2023

Mr. Tim Burke, Certified Mail 7021-0950-0001-6500-1926
Mr. Dean Kerstetter, Executive Vice President
Humboldt Sawmill Company
Scotia Sawmill and Cogeneration Plant
125 Main Street
Scotia, CA 95565

Dear Mr. Burke:

Subject: Water Code Sections 13267 and 13383 Investigative Order R1-2023-0055

File: Scotia Sawmill and Cogeneration Plant, 169 Main Street, Scotia,
Humboldt County, WDID No. 1 12I027974

Humboldt Sawmill Company (Discharger) is the operator of the Scotia Sawmill and Cogeneration Plant located at 169 Main Street in the City of Scotia (Facility). The Discharger currently operates the Facility, which is currently enrolled for coverage under the General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, State Water Resources Control Board Order 2014-0057-DWQ as amended in 2018, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Order No. CAS000001 (Industrial General Permit). Stormwater from the Facility discharges directly into Eel River, waters of the State and United States.

This letter transmits Investigative Order R1-2023-0055 (Order), which includes requirements and a schedule for you to provide technical information and reports for this Facility, including; monitoring and sampling data, design calculation, maintenance plans for advanced BMPs, and infrastructure mapping pursuant to California Water Code sections 13267 and 13383.

Regional Water Board staff met with the Facility's technical consultant to discuss the current condition of the Facility, work being conducted to address deficiencies identified in the Notice of Violation, and additional BMPs identified for implementation. We appreciate the work that has been done to date and look forward the submittal of a revised Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and associated documents.

Should you have any questions regarding this Order, or would like to discuss the technical requirements contained, please contact Farzad Kasmaei at Farzad.Kasmaei@waterboards.ca.gov or Heaven Moore at Heaven.Moore@waterboards.ca.gov. For legal questions, please contact Paul Ciccarelli at Paul.Ciccarelli@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Claudia E. Villacorta, P.E.
Assistant Executive Officer

13267 and 13383 Investigative Order No. R1-2023-0055 for Scotia Sawmill and Cogeneration Plant

Enclosure: Water Code Sections 13267 and 13383 Investigative Order No. R1-2023-0055

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