

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region**

**Notice of Public Hearing
and Extension of Public Review and Comment Period
for**

Order No. R1-2020-0001

**Draft Waste Discharge Requirements
for
Discharges Related to Green Diamond Resource Company's
Forest Management Activities Conducted Within the
Upper Elk River Watershed
Humboldt County**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the above-referenced draft Order on February 6 or 7, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., at the Regional Water Board's office in Sonoma County, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda and on its website: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/>. The public review and comment period for these Draft Waste Discharge Requirements has been extended to **5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2019**.

The purpose of draft Order is to update waste discharge requirements for Green Diamond Resource Company's (GDRCo) forest management activities conducted in the Upper Elk River Watershed to be consistent with applicable requirements of the Action Plan for the Upper Elk River Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL Action Plan). The draft Order updates those portions of Order R1-2012-0087, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Green Diamond Resource Company's Forest Management Activities Conducted Within the Area Covered By its Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan in the North Coast Region* (GDRCo Forest Management WDR), specific to forest management activities conducted by GDRCo on its timberlands in the Upper Elk River watershed. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the draft Order, or take other action.

Draft Order Available for Review and Comment

Comments must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2019** to James.Burke@waterboards.ca.gov, or at the following address:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Atten: Jim Burke
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Document Availability

Information on the Regional Water Board's draft Order can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/ or may be viewed during public hours in person at the Regional Water Board's office listed above.

Persons wishing to receive additional notices related to the draft Order must subscribe to the respective email list, under Resources, Email Subscription on the left side of the Regional Water Board's main web page at <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/>.

Public Hearing Procedures

The procedures governing the Regional Water Board's meetings may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. The Discharger and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office written copies of all legal argument, technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material concerning this issue by the deadline listed above.

Written material received after November 15, 2019 will not be accepted except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party or the Regional Water Board. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 648.1 & 648.4).

During the pendency of this proceeding, there shall be no ex parte communications between Regional Water Board members and participants. This includes communications on substantive matters or controversial procedural matters. (Gov. Code, §§ 11430.10-11430.80.)

The time limits for oral testimony or comments at the public hearing will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. A timer may be used, and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Patti Corsie at 707-576-2220 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

Staff Contact

Questions regarding the workshop or the draft Order should be directed to Jim Burke, by phone at 707-576-2289 or email at James.Burke@waterboards.ca.gov.