

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

ELK RIVER TMDL DEVELOPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), will hold a public workshop on the development of the Sediment Total maximum Daily Load (TMDL) in the Elk River watershed, North Coast Region.

When: March 15, 2012

Where: River Lodge
1800 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA 95540

Who Should Attend: Public and private landowners; local, state and federal agency representatives; advocacy groups; and other interested and concerned groups or individuals.

The purpose of the workshop is to inform the Regional Water Board and public about the status of the Elk River TMDL, discuss related actions that are an outgrowth of the TMDL development, and present a schedule for completion of the draft TMDL and associated Basin Plan amendment.

Background

The Elk River watershed is impaired by excessive amounts of anthropogenically-generated sediment. The impairments are impacting several beneficial uses, including the cold water fishery and domestic and agricultural water supplies, as well as resulting in nuisance flooding conditions.

Regional Water Board staff is currently developing a sediment TMDL for the Elk River watershed; the purpose of the TMDL is to establish the sediment loading capacity for the river and to establish implementation actions necessary to achieve and restore water quality standards and abate nuisance flooding conditions in Elk River and its tributaries. Information on the Regional Water Board's Elk River Watershed TMDL development efforts can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/elk_river/

Workshop Agenda

The structure of the workshop will be as follows:

- Staff presentation – 45 minutes
 - Update of the Development of the Elk River TMDL
 - Proposed Elk River Waterbody Delineation
 - Overview of the Elk Restoration Summit
- Public comment – one hour with five minutes per speaker
- Board comment and discussion – 15 minutes

A quorum of the members of the Regional Water Board will be present at the workshop.

Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding the development of the Elk River Sediment TMDL should be directed to Adona White at 707-576-2672 or via email at awhite@waterboards.ca.gov.