

**North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

of

Order Numbers R1-2018-0018 and R1-2018-0019

Establishing

**Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related To
Specific Land Management Activities in the Scott and Shasta River Watersheds,
Siskiyou County**

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed Order No. R1-2018-0019, "Shasta River TMDL Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements" (Shasta River Waiver) and proposed Order No. R1-2018-0018, "Scott River TMDL Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements" (Scott River Waiver).

When: April 19, 2018, 9:00 am

Where: Weed City Council Chambers
550 Main Street, Weed, CA

Agenda items including all supporting documents will be posted on our website at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting. To view or download documents, go to https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/

Background The existing Shasta River Waiver (Order No. R1-2012-0083) and Scott River Waiver (Order No. R1-2012-0084) expired on October 4, 2017. The Waivers waive the requirements to file a Report of Waste Discharge and obtain Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges addressed in the Shasta River TMDL Action Plan and Scott River TMDL Action Plan for dischargers who implement required conditions and the measures outlined in the Orders and Table 4-10 and Table 4-14 of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region.

Drafts of the Shasta River and Scott River Waiver renewals were posted on the North Coast Regional Water Board website on June 1, 2017 and interested persons were provided notice of the availability of the renewals on June 1, 2017. Public workshops detailing proposed changes in the draft Scott River and Shasta River Waivers were held in Yreka, California on June 14, 2017 and in Santa Rosa, California on June 29, 2017. Public comment was accepted from June 1, 2017 to July 14, 2017.

On October 9, 2017, multiple wildfires broke out in Sonoma and Napa Counties, destroying property and displacing residents. The City of Santa Rosa was severely impacted, which resulted in the closure of the Regional Water Board headquarters until October 16, 2017 and the cancelation of the Regional Water Board meeting scheduled for October 19, 2017 in Weed, California. The proposed Orders were originally scheduled to be heard during the October 19, 2017 Board Meeting. On October 17, 2017 notice was provided that the October 19, 2017 Board meeting was cancelled and on November 1, 2017 the Regional Water Board transmitted to interested parties and posted to its website a notice of postponement of the hearing until further notice. No changes to the proposed Orders have been made since the Orders were posted for the October 19, 2017 Board meeting.

Information on the Regional Water Board's Shasta River Watershed TMDL Program, including the existing Waiver and the Shasta TMDL Action Plan, can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/shasta_river/

Information on the Regional Water Board's Scott River Watershed TMDL Program, including the existing Waiver and the Scott TMDL Action Plan, can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/scott_river/

Accessibility - The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. **Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact Patti Corsie, Executive Assistant, at (707) 576-2307 or Patti.Corsie@waterboards.ca.gov at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.**

Public Hearing Procedures

At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Order or take another action.

It is the policy of the State and Regional Boards to discourage the introduction of surprise testimony and exhibits (Cal.Code Regs. tit. 23, § 648.4). Written material will not be accepted at this time 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 of the parties at the hearing. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted or late accepted written evidence, but shall not add new evidence. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and usually allow no more than 15 minutes for Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger and three minutes for other interested persons. 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.

Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. A form to assist in this process can be found on the Regional Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/pdf/2013/130118_NorthCoast_disclosure.pdf

The Water Board is required to post the disclosure on its website and to distribute it via any electronic distribution list for the proposed Order. Ex parte disclosures shall not constitute written comments or evidence on a proposed general order. You must provide the comments or evidence by following the procedure and timelines provided above. Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the board meeting at which the proposed Order is scheduled for board action. For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on April 5, 2018. If the board does not take action on April 19, 2018, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the board, the Chair or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the board meeting to which the decision is continued. The board will provide notice via the Lyris and the interested parties email lists for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

Staff Contact - Questions regarding the public hearing, the proposed Shasta River Waiver, or the proposed Scott River Waiver should be directed to Eli Scott, Shasta and Scott Watershed Steward, by phone at (707) 576-2610 or email at Elias.Scott@waterboards.ca.gov.