

Mitigated Negative Declaration

This statement and attachments constitutes the Mitigated Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for the project described below.

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Project Name: Draft Order No. R1-2018-0011 Waiver of *Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification for Road Management Activities Conducted Under the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program in the North Coast Region*

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Project Description: The project is the issuance of a Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and general water quality certification for county road management and activities conducted under the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program (5C Program) in the North Coast Region. Counties and other enrollees are responsible for conducting routine and emergency repair and maintenance of county roads and related facilities, including bridges and road maintenance yards, and snow and ice removal. These activities have the potential to discharge wastes that affect waters of the state. In addition, Counties are responsible for discharges of waste from controllable sediment discharge sites (CSDS) associated with their road networks. CSDS are existing sites that are 1) actively discharging or have the potential to discharge sediment in violation of water quality requirements; 2) are caused or affected by human activity; and 3) may feasibly and reasonably respond to erosion control/management measures. The 5C Program provides an efficient and organized structure for preventing and mitigating water quality impacts from county road activities, and, also implements important restoration projects in the North Coast Region.

Project Location: North Coast region (Figure 1), which includes all of Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties, and portions of Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc, Glenn, Lake, Sonoma, and Marin Counties, and comprises all basins including Lower Klamath Lake and Lost River Basins draining into the Pacific Ocean from the California-Oregon state line southerly to the southerly boundary of the watershed of the Estero de San Antonio and Stemple Creek in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Environmental Findings: 1. This Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the decision making body's independent judgment and analysis;
2. The decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Mitigated Negative Declaration including the information contained in the Initial Study and Draft Order No. R1-2018-0011, and the comments received during the public review period; and

3. On the basis of the whole record before the decision making body, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

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Public Hearing:

The meeting will be held on May 17, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, California or at the location to be announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda and on its website at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/>.

Attachments:

Initial Study; and Draft Order No. R1-2018-0011 *Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges and Other Controllable Factors Related to Timber Harvesting and Associated Activities* and Attachments.

How to Submit Comments: The Lead Agency invites comments on the proposal from all interested persons and parties. Comments must be submitted by March 15, 2018, at Maggie.Robinson@waterboards.ca.gov or at the above address. For more information contact: Maggie Robinson at (707) 576-2292, or Maggie.Robinson@waterboards.ca.gov