



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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The Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program in the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou, and Trinity Counties in the North Coast Region (5C Waiver)

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On May 2, 2013, the Regional Water Board adopted Order R1-2013-004, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification for County Road Management and Activities Conducted Under the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program in the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou, and Trinity Counties in the North Coast Region (5C Waiver)*. The Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program (5C Program) is a county road maintenance and project program which includes much of the North Coast Region, covering the counties of Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, and portions of Siskiyou and Mendocino, collectively referred to as the 5 Counties. The 5C Program is designed to protect salmonid species and water quality during county road maintenance and associated project activities.

Since the adoption of the 5C Waiver, four counties, Humboldt, Trinity, Del Norte, and Mendocino, have submitted Notices of Intent to comply with all criteria and conditions of the 5C Waiver for their road maintenance and management activities. A total of four projects

have been submitted for review and inclusion under the Waiver, as well as general 401 Certification. Three additional projects are forthcoming and will require review for general 401 Certification.

Projects requiring general 401 Certification include a flat-car bridge replacement, multiple storm damage repairs on remote county roads, replacement of failing culverted crossings, and culvert maintenance to alleviate flooding along county roads.

Over the past year, staff have provided ongoing outreach and information about the provisions of the 5C Waiver to the five counties, rural road associations and private ranches, as well as conducting site inspections for nearly all project submittals. An annual meeting with the participating counties is planned for Fall 2014.



Highway 3, Trinity County. Photo from North Coast Bike Rides blog.

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Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of May 28, 2014
3/12/14	Joung Min Yi	ACLO	Sediment Discharge	Settled

Comments: On March 12, 2014, the Executive Offer (EO) signed a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Order, Administrative Civil Liability Order (Stipulated Order) No. R1-2014-0020 to Joung Min Yi (Settling Respondent) after a noticed 30-day public comment period without comment. The Stipulated Order states that Mr. Yi agreed to pay the \$56,404 penalty for four sediment discharges from his property to watercourses adjacent to his property north of Willits in Mendocino County.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of May 28, 2014
4/22/14	City of Eureka WWTF	ACLO	SSO	Settled

Comments: On April 22, 2014, the EO signed a Stipulated Order No. R1-2014-0012 for the City of Eureka, Elk River WWTF (Discharger) after a noticed 30-day public comment period without comments. The Stipulated Order states that the Discharger will implement a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) costing \$42,761. The SEP will support and enhance the ongoing watershed education programs at Sequoia Park Zoo in the City of Eureka. The remaining \$46,361 of the total \$89,122 penalty will be paid to the SWRCB Cleanup and Abatement Account.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of May 28, 2014
4/28/14	Loleta CSD	ACLO	MMP	Settled

Comments: On April 28, 2014, the Executive Offer signed a Stipulated Order No. R1-2013-0089 for Loleta Community Services District (Discharger) after a noticed 30-day public comment period without comments. The Stipulated Order states that the Discharger will implement a Compliance Project (CP) involving upgrade and repair of sections of the community wastewater collection system. The penalty amount is \$228,000. The proposed cost of the CP is \$386,420.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of May 28, 2014
5/16/14	Fort Bragg WWTF	ACLC	MMP	Ongoing

Comments: On May 16, 2014, the AEO issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2014-0035 to Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1, City of Fort Bragg WWTF, for violations subject to mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs). The proposed penalty is \$63,000.