

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing

of

**Proposed
Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements**

Order No. R1-2017-0056

for

Emergency Disposal of Disaster Related Wastes Within the North Coast Region

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt the Proposed Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R1-2017-0056 for Emergency Disposal of Disaster Related Wastes within the North Coast Region during catastrophic emergency events including fires, storms, floods, landslides, earthquakes, mass animal mortalities, spills and other emergencies. This waiver is to facilitate prompt disposal of waste generated during the emergency response and cleanup of federally declared or Governor declared Disaster Areas and Local State of Emergencies.

This item will be open for public comment between **November 10, 2017, and November 27, 2017.**

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed Order is scheduled for **December 13, 2017**, at 8:30 a.m., in Santa Rosa, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The Board Meeting will be held at:

**Regional Water Board Hearing Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, California 95403**

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Modification Order.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be submitted to NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m., on

November 27, 2017. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Permittee or the Regional Water Board staff. 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).

All those who plan to testify at this hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board no later than **November 27, 2017**. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Dischargers, may be limited to 3 minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The Proposed Permit and related documents are available at the Regional Water Board's website at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Additionally, the Proposed Permit and file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

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Executive Officer

November 10, 2017