

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

### REVISION OF THE CATEGORICAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR TIMBER HARVEST ACTIVITIES ON NON-FEDERAL LANDS IN THE NORTH COAST REGION

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a public workshop to solicit comments on proposed revisions to Order No. R1-2004-0016, "Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands."

**When:** March 24, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

**Where:** Fortuna Monday Lodge  
610 Main St., Fortuna, CA 95540

**Who Should Attend:** Public and private land owners; state and federal agency representatives, environmental groups; and other interested and concerned groups or individuals.

During the public workshops, Regional Water Board staff will provide a brief summary of the Regional Water Board's involvement in the review of timber harvest plans, its regulatory authority and mandates, and revisions to the current Non-Federal Timber Waiver. Members of the public and interested parties will be provided the opportunity to present oral and/or written comments.

#### Background

On June 23, 2004, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2004-0016, "Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands". The Order, referred to as the (Timber Waiver), expires on June 23, 2009. The Regional Water Board intends to hold a hearing on June 4, 2004, to consider the adoption of an order that would revise the 2004 Non-Federal Timber waiver. The Waiver identifies five categories of timber harvest activities for which WDRs can be waived. Each category is described by eligibility criteria and contains general and specific criteria and conditions to ensure that impacts to water quality remain at less than significant levels.

Information on the Regional Boards Timber Program including the existing Waiver can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/timber\\_operations.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/timber_operations.shtml)

#### Availability of the Public Review Draft

The "Public Review Draft Revised Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands" will be available for review on or before March 19, 2009 at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)

#### Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meetings should contact Jean Lockett, Executive Assistant, at 707-576-2307 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

#### Staff Contact

Questions regarding the workshop or the revised Non-Federal Timber Waiver should be directed to Jim Burke, Engineering Geologist, by phone at 707-576-2289 or email [Jburke@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jburke@waterboards.ca.gov)