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NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO DEPART AFTER THREE YEARS AT BOARD

SANTA ROSA - Lee Michlin, the Executive Officer of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board in Santa Rosa, has announced he will be leaving his position, effective no later than July 22, 2001.

Michlin, who has headed the Regional Board staff for more than three years, will be stepping down to pursue other interests. During his tenure, the Regional Board has dealt with many difficult and controversial issues:

- The regulation of timber harvesting on California's North Coast to protect water quality and the beneficial uses of water;
- Water quality impacts of the federal listing throughout most of the region of Coho and Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Trout as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act;
- Investigation and cleanup of multiple groundwater sites contaminated with chemicals such as gasoline, diesel, heating oil, MTBE (a gasoline additive), and PCE (an industrial solvent used in dry cleaning operations);
- Facilitating wetlands management and control measures in conjunction with federal Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certifications;
- Regulating vineyard expansion/timber harvest conversion construction projects to ensure erosion control measures are implemented on hillside sites;
- Developing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), a water quality protection/improvement tool under the federal Clean Water Act, for impaired water bodies within the Region;
- Implementing new, more stringent stormwater runoff regulations; and
- Inter-state water quality issues concerning the State of Oregon and the Klamath and Lost Rivers.

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board is one of nine Regional Boards in the state. The Region contains 12 percent of the state's landmass (more than 15 million square miles), but over one third of California's fresh water flows through the area.

The Regional Board is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency. For further information, please contact Myrlys Stockdale at 916-341-5260.