

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION**

**MEETING OF JULY 23 AND 24, 2008
Truckee**

ITEM: 19

**SUBJECT: REPORT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TIMBER WAIVER
AND DEVELOPMENT OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING
AGENCY**

DISCUSSION: Staff will provide a status report to the Water Board on activities to develop a revised Timber Waiver and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency regarding vegetation management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Staff plans to bring a revised Timber Waiver and a proposed MOU with TRPA to the Board for its consideration in October 2008. In mid-June, staff circulated a summary of proposed changes to the Timber Waiver and a conceptual proposal for a MOU with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency related to reviewing and permitting vegetation management projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Early Consultation in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act was conducted beginning June 11 and comments are due to the Water Board by July 11. Additionally, the Water Board's Fuels and Vegetation Subcommittee held a public workshop on June 30, 2008 to gather input.

Staff will summarize comments received during the Early Consultation period and will be asking the Board Subcommittee for direction on preparing the draft waiver and MOU prior to the Board meeting. Staff intends to present the outcome of the subcommittee meeting during this item.

By early August, staff anticipates circulating the draft waiver and MOU to the public for a thirty day comment period.

**RECOMMENDA-
TION:**

No action is needed at this time.