

Mitigated Negative Declaration

This statement and attachments constitutes the Mitigated Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for the project described below.

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Comment Period: April 13, 2010, to May 17, 2010
Proposed Adoption Date: June 10, 2010

Project Name: Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to Certain Federal Land Management Activities on U.S. Forest Service Lands in the North Coast Region

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Project Description: The project consists of the adoption of a proposed order to conditionally waive waste discharge requirements for the US Forest Service that meet specified eligibility criteria and qualify for a waiver under Water Code section 13269. The proposed order replaces the existing order for timber harvest activities with a broader order covering certain activities associated with nonpoint source discharges. Proposed revisions to, and expansion of, the existing waiver would be determined by the Regional Water Board not to adversely affect the quality of, or the beneficial uses of, the waters of the State, to be consistent the applicable Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan), and to be in the public interest pursuant to California Water Code section 13269. Any such waivers must be conditional and may be terminated at any time by the Regional Water Board or its Executive Officer.

Project Location: All or parts of Mendocino, Lake, Glenn, Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, Siskiyou, Sonoma, and Modoc Counties.

Environmental Finding: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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Other Agencies Who's Approval May be Required: None

Public Hearing: June 10, 2010, Regional Water Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Attachments: Initial Study; and, Proposed Order No. R1-2010-0029, Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to Certain Federal Land Management Activities on U.S. Forest Service Lands in the North Coast Region.

How to Submit Comments: The Lead Agency invites comments on the proposal from all interested persons and parties. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2010. Written comments should be addressed to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at the address/fax provided above. Written and/or oral comments will also be accepted at the public hearing. For more information contact: Robert Klamt at (707) 576-2693, or Rklamt@waterboards.ca.gov