

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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Notice of Public Hearing

Order No. R1-2012-0087

Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements

For

Discharges Related to Green Diamond Resource Company's Forest Management Activities
Conducted within the Area Covered by its Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan
in the
North Coast Region

Humboldt and Del Norte Counties

On August 3, 2012, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) released for public comment proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Green Diamond Resource Company's Forest Management Activities Conducted within the Area Covered by its Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan in the North Coast Region (Forest Management WDR). On August 23, 2012, the Regional Water Board held a public workshop on the Forest Management WDR to solicit public comments. The Public comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on September 3, 2012.

The Regional Water Board will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Forest Management WDR during a regularly scheduled Board Meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., October 4, 2012, or as identified in the agenda, to be posted on our website at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

Location: Yreka, California
The exact location will be announced in the agenda, to be posted on our website at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

The deadline for written comment is 5:00 p.m. on September 3, 2012. Please address and submit written comments to:

**North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
c/o Kaete King
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to, the tentative permit must do so no later than this deadline in order for staff to have time to consider and respond to such comments. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above. The Chair may refuse to admit evidence, comments, or testimony that does not summarize timely submitted comments, if this deadline is not met, and shall refuse to do so where there is a showing of prejudice to any party or the Board. Any person submitting late comments or other evidence must explain why such materials were not submitted by the deadline. The Chair of the North Coast Regional Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and the Regional Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. Oral comments should summarize timely-submitted comments or late-submitted comments that have been accepted by the Chair. The Chair of the North Coast Regional Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

This notice is provided pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 647.2. Rules governing adjudicative hearings before the Regional Water Board are located at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648-648.8 and are available upon request.

All issues raised in petitions brought to the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to California Water Code section 13320 must be raised in the proceedings before the Regional Water Board. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050(c), if the action or inaction that is the subject of the petition was taken by the regional board after notice and opportunity to comment, the petition will be limited to those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Regional Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

Document Review

The draft Order, related documents, and comments received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. The draft permit and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Contact Kaete King at (707) 576-2848, or by e-mail at kaete.king@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions on this matter.

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

August 31, 2012