

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: September 9, 2011, to October 9, 2011
Proposed Adoption Date: November 3, 2011

Project Name: Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvesting and Related Land Management Activities Conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC. In Bear Creek, Humboldt County, California

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Project Description: This Project consists of development of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for timber harvesting and related land management activities conducted by Humboldt Redwoods Company, LLC (HRC), in the Bear Creek watershed, Humboldt County, California.

If adopted, the Regional Board would prescribe WDRs for discharges, or threatened discharges, of wastes (e.g., earthen materials such as soil, silt, sand, clay, and rock), organic materials (e.g., slash, sawdust, bark, nutrients, and manure), and temporary loss of shade resulting from timber harvesting and related land management activities on lands owned by HRC in Bear Creek, a tributary stream to the lower Eel River in Humboldt County, California. Activities covered by the WDRs include timber harvesting, road use, maintenance, construction, reconstruction, decommissioning, erosion control activities, stream restoration, and water quality monitoring.

Project Location: Bear Creek Watershed, tributary to the Lower Eel River in Humboldt County, California.

Environmental Finding: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment with incorporation of mitigations.

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Other Agencies Who's Approval May be Required: None

Public Hearing: November 3, 2011, Regional Water Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Attachments: Initial Study; and, Proposed Order No. R1-2011-0100, Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvesting and Related Land Management Activities Conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC. In Bear Creek, Humboldt County, California.

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 October 10, 2011. 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.

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