

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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**Notice of Public Hearing
of
Proposed Modification Order No. R1-2018-0057
For**

Modification of Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2013-0009

For

North Fork Lumber Company – Korbel Sawmill

**NPDES No. CA005932
WDID No. 1B800200HUM**

Humboldt County

North Fork Lumber Company – Korbel Sawmill is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R1-2013-0008, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0005932, WDID No. 1B800200HUM and Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R1-2013-0009. The Facility has requested an extension of time to meet final copper and lead effluent limits within their permit.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt Modification Order No. R1-2018-0057 for the North Fork Lumber Company – Korbel Sawmill. With the recent completion of the Water Effect Ratio (WER) study as well as treatment modifications to their constructed wetlands, Regional Water Board finds that the Permittee has made progress in resolving the Facility's copper and lead discharge exceedances. Furthermore, when results from the finalized WER study and the resulting RPA analysis are weighed in, the Permittee can be considered to have completed task 7 of their CDO which requires achieving full compliance with final effluent limitations for copper and lead. However, until their new NPDES permit can be adopted, the Permittee needs interim limits established for the 2018-2019 discharge season to avoid accruing mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for discharge(s) exceeding current effluent limits established in their existing NPDES permit (R1-2013-0008).

This Order therefore proposes to modify the existing CDO No. R1-2013-0009 by extending the compliance date for compliance with final copper and lead effluent limits from July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019 when the Facility's new NPDES permit would likely become effective.

The Regional Water Board will accept oral comments and evidence on the proposed modifications to CDO No. R1-2013-0009 at the public hearing. Only the modifications identified in Order No. R1-2018-0057 are open to public comment.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed Order is scheduled for **November 14, 2018**, at 8:30 a.m., in Santa Rosa, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The Board Meeting will be held at:

**Regional Water Board
David C. Joseph Room
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
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Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed CDO modification.

The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Permittees. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Permittee may be limited to 3 minutes. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The Proposed Modification Order, CDO, and related documents are available at the Regional Water Board's website at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Additionally, the Proposed Permit and file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA. Appointments are recommended for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

October 29, 2018