

Notice of Public Comment and Public Hearing

Proposed Extension of Expiration Date for Order No. R1-2004-0015,
Categorical Waiver for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities
On Federal Lands Managed by the United States Department of Agriculture,
Forest Service in the North Coast Region

On December 10, 2009 the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider an Order (tentative Order No. R1-2009-0114) which if adopted would provide a short term renewal to extend the expiration date of Categorical Waiver For Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities On Federal Lands Managed by the **United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service** in the North Coast Region (Federal Timber Waiver). The public comment period will begin on October 22, 2009 and continue through November 22, 2009.

Public Hearing Procedures

The public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed order is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., or as announced in the Regional Water Board's summary agenda to be mailed on or about November 15, 2009. The meeting will be held at the North Coast Regional Water Board Office, in the DCJ Room located at 5550 Skylane Blvd. Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed extension of a waiver of waste discharge requirements.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on November 20, 2009, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403. All documents that are received during the comment period will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons.

Document Review

The tentative Order, related documents, and public comments received during the comment period 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. In addition, the tentative order is posted at the following location:

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

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