

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing

to

Consider an Order to Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements

for

California Department of Forestry, Trinity River Conservation Camp WWTF
Order No. R1-2001-57, WDID No. 1A85029RTRI

Trinity County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), proposes to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the California Department of Forestry, Trinity River Conservation Camp WWTF. Order No. R1-2001-57 will be replaced with State Water Resources Control Board General Order No. 97-10-DWQ. These documents will be available for public comment from February 26, to March 26, 2008.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed Order is scheduled for April 24, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the Sons of Italy Weed Lodge No. 1269, located at 155 Clay Street in Weed, California. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Order.

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 March 28, 2008, at the Regional Water Board, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late material, no documents will be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2008. These statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of intended testimony. 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 Dischargers. 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 Discharger may be limited to three minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. 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 when many speakers wish to speak who represent affiliated groups or interests, that a spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of the group in order to avoid repetitive testimony.

Document Review

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

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Interim Executive Officer

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