

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing

Order No. R1-2011-0040

For

Rescission of NPDES Permit
No. CA0024171
WDID No.1B83056OMEN

For

Harwood Products Inc., Branscomb Sawmill
WDID No.1B83056OMEN

Mendocino County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, proposes to rescind NPDES Permit No. CA0024171 for the Harwood Products Inc., Branscomb Sawmill through the adoption of Order No. R1-2011-0040.

Arthur H. Harwood, Morris J. Harwood, Calvin Harwood, Jackson Valley Industries, LLC, and Harwood Products Inc. (Dischargers) own an active wood waste disposal site and an inactive sawmill located at 14210 Branscomb Road., Branscomb, CA.

The sawmill has not been in operation since 2008, the NPDES Permit expired in May, 2007 and the Dischargers have not applied for a permit renewal. The Regional Water Board has determined that the NPDES Permit is no longer necessary and can be rescinded while Order No. R1-2002-0031 will remain in effect for the wood waste disposal site. The Dischargers will need to receive coverage under the General Industrial Storm Water Permit through the State Water Resources Control Board for point source discharges from storm water on site. This Order also updates the named parties on the Permit to reflect the change in ownership to the Harwoods and Jackson Valley Industries, LLC.

The Regional Water Board will consider adopting the draft rescission order during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date: 8:30 a.m., May 5, 2011
Location: Wharfinger Building
#1 Marina Way
Eureka, CA

The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2011. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Kason Grady**. Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the tentative order 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.

The procedures governing Regional water Board meetings may be found at sections 647 et seq. and 648 et seq. of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, 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 section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, 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 tentative 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 tentative Order and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Kason Grady at (707) 576-2682, or by e-mail at kgrady@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions on this matter.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

March 1, 2011