

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

Order No. R1-2012-0008

Short Term Renewal of Order No. R1-2006-0052

Conditional Waiver for Discharges Related to Specific Land Management Activities in
the Shasta River Watershed
North Coast Region

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a Public Hearing on January 18 & 19, 2012, to consider adoption of an order that would waive waste discharge requirements for Discharges Related to Specific Land Management Activities in the Shasta River Watershed, North Coast Region.

Purpose and Justification for Proposed Action

On June 28, 2006, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2006-0052, "Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Specific Land Management Activities in the Shasta River Watershed, North Coast Region" (Shasta River Waiver). The Shasta River Waiver expires on January 26, 2012.

The Shasta River Waiver is the primary regulatory mechanism used to provide coverage for discharges of waste from nonpoint sources in the Shasta River watershed not covered by other existing regulatory programs. It conditionally waives the requirement to file Reports of Waste Discharge and obtain Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges addressed in the *Action Plan for the Shasta River Watershed Dissolved Oxygen and Water Temperature Total Maximum Daily Loads* (Shasta River Action Plan), for dischargers who choose to participate in on-going collaborative programs, including the implementation of the recommended measures described in Table 4 of the Shasta River Action Plan.

Regional Water Board staff are in the process of collecting and evaluating information that will be used to revise the existing Shasta River Waiver, but this analysis will not be finalized before the scheduled expiration of the existing Waiver.

It is anticipated that a revised Shasta River Waiver will be considered for adoption no later than August 23, 2012. Consequently, a short term renewal of the existing Shasta River Waiver is needed to continue coverage of specific land management activities in

the interim while the revised waiver is developed. With a short-term renewal, programs and activities being conducted under the existing Waiver can continue without interruption, provided they comply with the conditions and criteria of Order No. R1-2006-0052.

Public Comment Period

The proposed Order is available for public review prior to the Public Hearing beginning on November 17, 2011 and for the subsequent 20 days, ending at 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2011. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Order must submit comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2011.

Comments may be submitted by US mail, email, or fax to Andrew Baker at:
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Hearing Procedures

The public meeting to consider the proposed Order has been scheduled for January 18 & 19, 2012, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board's office located at 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, in Santa Rosa. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Order, or take another action.

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 December 7, 2012.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Dischargers or the Regional Water Board. 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. The statements should provide the name of the witness, their qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of their intended testimony. Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted or late accepted

written evidence, but shall not add new evidence. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and usually allow no more than 15 minutes for Regional Water Board staff and three minutes for other interested persons. A timer may be used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Order No. R1-2012-0008, *Short Term Renewal of Order No. R1-2006-0052 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Specific Land Management Activities in the Shasta River Watershed, North Coast Region* is scheduled for January 18 & 19, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., in Santa Rosa, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board's Office, located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California.

Document Review

Copies of the proposed Order, related documents, and comments received are on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office during normal business hours or viewed at:

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

For further information, please contact Regional Board staff member Andrew Baker (707) 576-2690 or abaker@waterboards.ca.gov.