

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing

Order No. R1-2012-0085

In The Matter of An

Extension of Limited Term Amendment Order No. R1-2011-0038,
to NTMP Provisions of Order No. R1-2009-0038,
Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for
Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on
Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region

On August 23, 2012, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider Order No. R1-2012-0085, to extend Order No. R1-2011-0038: the Limited Term Amendment to Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) Provisions of Order No. R1-2009-0038, Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region (Limited Term Amendment). The Limited Term Amendment temporarily suspended the NTMP provisions included in the 2009 Timber Waiver, and required implementation of NTMP provisions included in the 2004 Timber Waiver (Order No. R1-2004-0016) until February 1, 2012. The Limited Term Amendment was extended by Regional Water Board Order No. 2012-0010 on January 19, 2012. The new expiration date is August 23, 2012.

Regional Water Board staff has been working with CAL FIRE, timber landowners, and other interested parties to evaluate the adequacy of the existing FPRs and their effectiveness and implementation to protect water quality, particularly in areas designated as sediment and temperature impaired. This Order, extending the Limited Term Amendment will allow Regional Water Board staff additional time needed to adequately complete this work.

As proposed in Order No. R1-2012-0085, NTMP provisions from the 2004 Timber Waiver will be extended and apply until March 2013, after which time the NTMP conditions of the 2009 Timber Waiver (Order No. R1-2009-0038) will automatically become effective again, unless the Regional Water Board takes action to modify the conditions in the Waiver.

Public Comment Period and Hearing Procedures

Order No. R1-2012-0085 will be available for review on or after July 12, 2012 by contacting the Regional Water Board office at (707) 576-2220 or on the website at:

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

Comments on the proposed Order may be submitted in writing to the Regional Water Board. The public comment period shall close on August 1, 2012. Written comments should be sent to the Regional Water Board, Attn: Jim Burke, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

The public meeting to consider adoption of the proposed Order has been scheduled for August 23, 2012, at the Regional Water Board offices, located at 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, beginning at 9:00 a.m., or as announced in the Regional Water Board agenda to be mailed on or around August 1, 2012. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Order, or take another action.

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