

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE ELK RIVER SEDIMENT TMDL

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a public workshop to provide updates on progress made to develop the Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Elk River Watershed, North Coast Region.

When: June 28, 2011, 6 pm – 8 pm.

Where: UC Cooperative Extension Agricultural Services Building
5630 S. Broadway,
Eureka, CA 95501

Who Should Attend: Public and private land owners; state and federal agency representatives, environmental groups; and other interested and concerned groups or individuals.

During the public workshop, Regional Water Board staff will summarize the recently released preliminary draft of the Upper Elk River Sediment Source Analysis. The source analysis evaluates and summarizes the natural and management-related erosional processes, and magnitude and timing associated with sediment sources in the upper portion of the watershed. Staff will also briefly summarize the previously released preliminary review drafts of the Introduction and Problem Statement portions of the TMDL. Members of the public and interested parties will have the opportunity to present oral and/or written comments.

Background

The Elk River watershed is impaired by excessive amounts of sediment. The impairments are impacting several beneficial uses, including the cold water fishery and domestic and agricultural water supplies, as well as resulting in nuisance flooding conditions.

Regional Water Board staff is currently developing a sediment TMDL for the Elk River watershed. The purpose of the TMDL is to establish loading capacities for sediment and implementation actions necessary to achieve water quality standards, restore beneficial uses of water, and abate nuisance conditions in Elk River and its tributaries.

Information on the Regional Water Board's Elk River Watershed TMDL development efforts can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/elk_river/

A quorum of the members of the Regional Water Board may be present at the workshop.

Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Patti Corsie at 707-576-2307 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

Staff Contact

Questions regarding the workshop or development of the Elk River TMDL should be directed to Adona White at 707-576-2672 or email at awhite@waterboards.ca.gov.