

ITEM: 10

SUBJECT: Development of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvesting Activities

BOARD ACTION: *Informational Item Only*

BACKGROUND: On 4 December 2014, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvesting Activities, Order No. R5-2014-0144. This Waiver provides regulatory coverage for timber harvesting activities on non-federal timber lands and for federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and is set to expire on 31 March 2018.

Changes to the Public Resource Code Article 7.7 in 2013 established a new type of timber harvesting permit: the Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP). The new permit will allow non-federal, non-industrial landowners of 15,000 acres or less to harvest timber with a non-expiring permit.

The proposed non-expiring General Order would supersede the existing Conditional Waiver and addresses the following: implementation of the WFMP by the Board of Forestry in January 2017; impending expiration of the Waiver; the need for additional information related to post-fire salvage operations; the creation of a low threat category for Timber Harvest Plans (THPs); the creation of a new category for watercourse crossing work outside of a CAL FIRE-approved timber harvest plan; the need to revise and clarify the monitoring and reporting program; and the overall necessity to streamline the existing Waiver.

ISSUES: During stakeholder meetings conducted in 2015/2016, the regulated community raised concerns regarding the additional burden created by requiring additional information on post-fire salvage operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Item Only

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