

ATTACHMENT C
CATEGORY 4 APPLICATION FORM
AND
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements from Waste Discharges Resulting from
Timber Harvest and Vegetation Management Activities in the Lahontan Region

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

All applications submitted electronically must be submitted to lahontan@waterboards.ca.gov

Per General Condition 24 (D.24), Discharger must field-verify all physical features required for documentation in this form. If upon field-verification, conditions or operations within the Activity Area are determined to not meet Category 4 Eligibility Criteria and Category Specific Conditions, Discharger must suspend activities and submit a Category 6 Application to obtain 2024 Timber Waiver coverage.

1. Activity Name:

CAL FIRE Plan Number: (If regulated by CAL FIRE, enter the number of the plan or exemption/emergency notice assigned to the Activity if available. If a CAL FIRE number is not available, but the Activity will proceed under an exemption or emergency, please state "CAL FIRE Exemption" or "CAL FIRE Emergency" in this box.)

Are Activity subject to Expedited Enrollment per Category 4E Eligibility Criteria (F.4E.1)? Yes No

County:

2. Landowner's Contact Information: (If there is more than one landowner, list their contact information in an addendum to this form.)

Name of individual, company, or agency:		
Company or agency contact:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone/Fax:	E-mail address:	

3. Name and Phone Number of Contact Person(s): (List the primary person(s) supervising/implementing on-site operations.)

Name:	Phone/Fax/E-Mail:
Name:	Phone/Fax/E-Mail:

If information requested in this form is included in existing documents or plans, those documents may be used to substitute for information specifically requested in this form.

These documents must be submitted to the Water Board and specifically referenced by page number within this application.

4. Summary of Activity Information:

Total Activity Area Size (in acres):	Silvicultural prescription(s) or Activity purpose:
Project Location (narrative description, e.g., township/range/section; Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) geographic coordinates; nearby landmarks, highways, etc.):	

Indicate type of yarding system(s) and equipment proposed for use (if any):

<u>Ground Based:</u>	<u>Cable:</u>	<u>Special:</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tractor, including end/long lining <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber tired skidder, Forwarder <input type="checkbox"/> Feller buncher	<input type="checkbox"/> Cable, ground lead <input type="checkbox"/> Cable, high lead <input type="checkbox"/> Cable, skyline	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand crew <input type="checkbox"/> Masticator <input type="checkbox"/> Chipper <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Indicate Activity characteristics:

<input type="checkbox"/> Clearcut acres _____ (enter amount) <input type="checkbox"/> SEZ/WBBZ Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Herbicide Use <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Ops <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcast Burn <input type="checkbox"/> Pile Burn <input type="checkbox"/> Site Prep	<u>Roads and Landings:</u>	<u>Soils and Slopes:</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Roads Reconstructed <input type="checkbox"/> Roads in SEZ/WBBZ <input type="checkbox"/> Landings Constructed <input type="checkbox"/> Landings Reconstructed	<input type="checkbox"/> EHR Low <input type="checkbox"/> EHR Mod <input type="checkbox"/> EHR High <input type="checkbox"/> EHR Extreme <input type="checkbox"/> Unstable Areas <input type="checkbox"/> Slopes >65% <input type="checkbox"/> Slopes >50% w/ Ground Ops

5. Waterbody Classification: What types of Waterbodies exist within the Activity Area? (Information on Waterbody classification is provided in Attachment B.) Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Class I	<input type="checkbox"/> Class II	<input type="checkbox"/> Class III
<input type="checkbox"/> Class IV	<input type="checkbox"/> Unclassified	<input type="checkbox"/> None within Activity Area

Nearest Class I watercourse name(s):

Calwater watershed name(s), if known:

6. Environmental Conditions: Provide a narrative description of the existing watershed conditions including vegetation communities, forest stand density, geologic setting, wetland and riparian Areas if present, and surface water and groundwater conditions.

(attach additional pages if necessary)

7. Specific Activity Information:

Yes*	No	Do existing roads and Landings proposed for use exhibit signs of erosion or instability, including rills, gullies, or tension cracking?
*If you answered yes to the above question, answer the following:		
	Yes No	Could this erosion or instability result in sediment delivery to a Waterbody? If yes, describe mitigation measures that will be implemented to stop the delivery of sediment to Waterbodies, or drainage structures that drain to Waterbodies. If observed signs of erosion will not result in delivery of sediment to a Waterbody, explain mechanism(s) or physical features that will prevent sediment delivery:
(attach additional pages if necessary)		
Yes	No	Do the activities include the maintenance of existing, permanent Watercourse Crossings on site or appurtenant roads? If yes, briefly explain the extent of planned maintenance activities, the location(s), and provide on maps per 10, c, iii:

Yes	No	Do the activities include the installation of Skid Trail Watercourse Crossing of wet Class III Watercourses? If yes, briefly explain the mitigation measures planned for installation and removal:
Yes	No	Do the activities include the maintenance of roads? If yes, briefly explain the extent of planned maintenance activities and location:
Yes	No	Are equipment operations within the winter period anticipated?
Yes	No	Do the proposed timber harvest and vegetation management activities include prescribed fire? If yes, describe.

8. Timber Harvest and Vegetation Management Activities within SEZs/100-Year Floodplains/WBBZs:

Describe what activities (e.g., timber removal, operation of equipment, chipping, prescribed fire, ect. are planned within SEZs/100-Year Floodplains/WBBZs. Watercourse Crossing description requirements are in Section 10 (g).

(attach additional pages if necessary)

9. **Do you anticipate the need to apply pesticides (as defined in Attachment A) to the Activity Area?**
- Yes No
- Or
- Unknown
- If yes, please notify the Water Board staff in an addendum to this form, or in a separate notice, at least 15 days prior to the proposed application. See Category 4 Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 5 (F.5.3.5).

10. Map of Activity Area: To complete your application, include a USGS 7.5 minute topographic (or equivalent or greater scale) map that clearly indicates all of the information listed below. Map(s) that have been created as part of a CEQA, or other planning document, may substitute for creating an individual map for this application provided they meet the above scale requirements and include all of the information listed below. Per General Condition 24 (D.24), an RPF, Federal Forestry Professional, or Natural Resource Professional must field-verify all physical features required below in items a. through j prior to the commencement of activities. Include all potential/possible locations

for new Landings and temporary Watercourse Crossings on skid trails, Dischargers are not required to construct and use all possible Landings and Watercourse Crossings indicted in this application. If any of the required elements are not provided please include an explanation in the box below.

- a. The Activity Area boundary (Map of Activity Area)
- b. The relative location of the Activity to a nearby city, town, or landmark as a Site Location Map or narrative description included on Map of Activity Area.
- c. Roads used to conduct activities must be shown on map(s) and include:
 - i. Location of private and public roads to be used within the Activity Area.
 - ii. Location of private and public roads that will be used to access the Activity Areas from a paved county, state, municipal, or federal road.
 - iii.
- d. Location of proposed timber harvest and vegetation management activities (including skid trails) within SEZs/WBBZs.
- e. Identify areas for possible Landing construction with a distinct symbol and unique ID.
- f. Identify location of all existing Permanent Watercourse Crossings on roads with the Activity Area..
- g. Approximate location of each possible Class III Skid Trail Watercourse Crossing.
Note: Class III Skid Trail Watercourse Crossings not included in the application must be documented as Amendments using Attachment R per General Condition 4 (D.14).
- h. Boundaries of yarding systems, if more than one system is to be used, and/or operationally discreet portions of the Activity Area labeled with unique identifiers.
- i. Location, classification, and name (if applicable) of all Waterbodies within and adjacent to the Activity Area. Information on Waterbody classification is provided in Attachment B.) Complete the following if the Activity Area does not include a Waterbody:

Name of nearest downstream Waterbody:
Classification:
Distance from Activity boundary:
Where is the downstream Waterbody located relative to the Activity Area? (e.g., southwest, etc.)

Explain why the requirements above are not provided:

(attach additional pages if necessary)

11. Request for modified monitoring and reporting program: Subject to approval by the Executive Officer, you may request to modify, reduce, or remove monitoring and/or reporting conditions for your Activity. Your request must include a description of what you are proposing and why it is warranted for your Activity.

You are required to monitor and report according to the standard conditions and forms of this Timber Waiver until you receive approval for your modified plan by the Executive Officer.

If requesting modified monitoring and reporting, provide description and justification here or in an addendum.

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Monitoring and Reporting Program

Pursuant to Water Code section 13267, visual monitoring and semi-annual reporting are required for all activities that proceed under Category 4 of the Timber Waiver.

Implementation Monitoring:

Fall Implementation Monitoring: Review Attachment D for monitoring required before the winter period of each year. This monitoring must be reported to the Water Board by **July 15**. A “final compliance report” or “work completion report” inspection, conducted by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) prior to the winter period and after cessation of active harvesting and road construction, may be substituted for fall implementation monitoring if the inspection covers the entire plan area and the report is submitted to the Water Board by July 15.

Winter Implementation Monitoring: Review Attachment H for monitoring required at the conclusion of winter operations each year. This monitoring must be reported to the Water Board by **July 15**.

Additional Monitoring for Expedited Enrollment (Category 4E)

Photo-Point Monitoring:

Photo-point monitoring is required if by written notice from Water Board staff (e.g., during application review, agency consultation, or site visit). Please submit Attachment L if Water Board staff have provided notice that Photo Point Monitoring will be required. If required, this monitoring must be reported to the Water Board by **July 15**.

Effectiveness Monitoring:

Effectiveness monitoring is required to demonstrate successful Stabilization of areas disturbed by Activities.

Review Attachment J for monitoring required at the end of the winter period each year. This monitoring must be reported to the Water Board by **July 15**.

Request for Modified Monitoring and Reporting Program:

Subject to approval by the Executive Officer, you may request to modify, reduce, or remove monitoring and/or reporting conditions for your plan. Your request must include a description of what you are proposing and why it is warranted for your Activity.

As specified in Timber Waiver Category 4 Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 2 (F.4.3.2), there are two specific instances where Dischargers may temporarily suspend required effectiveness and forensic monitoring for an entire Activity Area or for operationally discreet portions within an Activity Area clearly identified in the Category 4 Application:

- a) Extended periods of inactivity greater than one calendar year, if Implementation Monitoring Report (Attachment D) has been submitted to the Water Board and no ground disturbing have occurred since the preceding fall or winter, or

- b) Where Project operations have commenced and are then subsequently suspended indefinitely by events beyond the control of the Discharger.

Under either of the temporary monitoring suspensions described in Category 4 Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 2 (F.4.3.2), no Project-related equipment shall enter the Activity Area during these periods of inactivity, either on or off roads. The Discharger must note these periods of inactivity on the annual monitoring reports and include an explanation for the temporary suspension. The Discharger must resume monitoring upon receiving notice by Water Board staff of the end of the temporary monitoring suspension or resuming on site Ground-Based Equipment operations, whichever occurs sooner.

Certification:

I, the Landowner, agent thereof, or Land Manager, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that this application and all submittals to the Water Board accurately represent site conditions. I hereby agree to meet the conditions and eligibility criteria of Category 4 of the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Resulting from Timber Harvest and Vegetation Management Activities in the Lahontan Region (Timber Waiver), Resolution R6-2024-0035.

Signature:	Date:
Printed Name & Title:	
Phone/Fax/E-Mail:	