

ATTACHMENT F
CATEGORY 5 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
 for **CALFIRE–Approved Plans**

**Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements
 for Timber Harvest and Vegetation Management Activities**

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

1. **Plan Name:**

CAL FIRE Issued Plan Number:

2. **Name and Contact Information of Contact Person(s):** (List the primary person(s) supervising/implementing on-site operations.)

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

3. Plans located in the Lake Tahoe or Truckee River Hydrologic Units Only:

If your plan includes any of the following activities within the 100-year floodplain and/or stream environment zone (SEZ), please contact Water Board staff immediately to discuss required submittals and to initiate the public announcement/review (10 days) required prior to Water Board staff review and approval:

- enlargement of existing permanent watercourse crossings on existing roads
- construction of new permanent watercourse crossings
- construction of temporary roads
- construction of temporary watercourse crossings to remain in place longer than one season
- construction of skid trails
- construction of new waterholes
- pile burning
- conventional equipment operated off-road in SEZs or floodplains

Review Attachment N for more information on how Water Board policies may apply to your proposed activities. Please contact Water Board staff as soon as possible if you are planning any timber harvest or vegetation management activities within the 100-year floodplain or stream environment zone within the Lake Tahoe or Truckee River Hydrologic Units.

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 5 of the Timber Waiver.

Implementation Monitoring:

Fall Implementation Monitoring: Review Attachment G 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 January 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**.

Forensic and Effectiveness Monitoring:

Forensic and effectiveness monitoring is required if **any** of the following conditions exist within the plan. If none of these conditions exist, then only Implementation monitoring is required. Please check which of the following conditions exist within the plan:

- Construction or re-construction of watercourse crossings over Class I, II or Class IV (with domestic use) watercourses
- Ground based equipment operations within waterbody buffer zone(s) or SEZs beyond an existing road prism
- Winter operations
- Mechanical site preparation
- Road construction or re-construction within 150 feet of a Class I, II or IV (with domestic use) waterbody
- Landing construction or re-construction within waterbody buffer zone(s) or SEZs
- Ground-based equipment operations in areas classified High or Extreme Erosion Hazard Rating
- Ground-based equipment operations on slopes over 50 percent
- Ground-based equipment operations on slopes over 30 percent in the Lake Tahoe Basin

Forensic Monitoring: Review Attachment I for monitoring required after significant rain events. This monitoring must be reported to the Water Board by **July 15** of each year.

Effectiveness Monitoring: 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**.

Photo-Point Monitoring:

Photo-point monitoring is required if **any** of the following conditions exist within the plan or if Water Board staff specifically requests photo-point monitoring for particular areas of your plan (e.g., during the interdisciplinary review team process or site visit). Please submit Attachment L with your application if you check either or both of the following boxes:

- Construction or reconstruction of a bridge crossing over a watercourse
- Construction or reconstruction of a watercourse crossing using a culvert that is 24 inches or greater in diameter

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 plan.

As specified in Timber Waiver Category 5 Monitoring and Reporting Condition 1 (F.5.3.1), there are two specific instances where Dischargers may temporarily suspend required effectiveness and forensic monitoring:

- a) under certain extended periods where no site activities will occur from the last effectiveness monitoring after ground disturbing activities are completed until the stocking activities have resumed; or
- b) in those instances where project operations have commenced and are then subsequently suspended indefinitely by events above and beyond the control of the Discharger (e.g., large wildfires flooding mills with “black logs” while green logs are refused).

Under either of these temporary monitoring suspensions, the Discharger must agree that no project-related equipment shall enter the project sites during these periods of inactivity, either on or off roads. Although monitoring has been suspended, the Discharger must continue to submit the required annual monitoring forms, noting these periods of inactivity on the forms and including an explanation for the temporary suspension. During these interim periods, the Timber Waiver will remain in effect and monitoring will resume either at the request of Water Board staff at any time (e.g., if a large storm event occurred during this period) or when on site equipment operations have resumed.

I, the Landowner, or agent thereof, hereby agree to meet the conditions and eligibility criteria of Category 5 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 and Title:

Phone/Fax/E-Mail: