

Mitigated Negative Declaration

This statement and attachments constitutes the Mitigated Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for the project described below.

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Comment Period: August 30, 2016, to September 29, 2016
Proposed Adoption Date: November 30, 2016

Project Name: Draft Order No. R1-2016-0004 *Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges and Other Controllable Factors Related to Timber Harvesting and Associated Activities*

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Project Description: This Project consists of adoption of Regional Water Board Order No. R1-2016-0004, Waste Discharge Requirements (Order) by the, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) that, if adopted, would establish water quality requirements for nonpoint source waste discharges and other controllable factors related to timber harvesting and associated activities conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC (HRC), a timberland management company, in the Upper Elk River (UER) watershed, Humboldt County, California.

Project Location: Elk River watershed in Humboldt County, Calwater (version 2.2) planning watersheds, Lower Elk River (1110.000201), Lower North Fork Elk River, Upper North Fork Elk River (1110.000202), Lower South Fork Elk River (1110.000302), and Upper South Fork Elk River (1110.000301).

Environmental Findings:

1. This Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the decision making body's independent judgment and analysis;
2. The decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Mitigated Negative Declaration including the information contained in the Initial Study and Draft Order No. R1-2016-0004, and the comments received during the public review period; and
3. On the basis of the whole record before the decision making body, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

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Public Hearing: November 30, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Council Chambers at the Eureka City Hall in Humboldt County or at the location to be announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda and on its website at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/>.

Attachments:

Initial Study; and Draft Order No. R1-2016-0004 *Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges and Other Controllable Factors Related to Timber Harvesting and Associated Activities* and Attachments.

How to Submit Comments: The Lead Agency invites comments on the proposal from all interested persons and parties. Comments must be submitted by September 29, 2016 at James.burke@waterboards.ca.gov or at the above address. For more information contact: Jim Burke at (707) 576-2289, or James.burke@waterboards.ca.gov