



Certification Notice

(Application for Conditional Waiver for Timber Harvest Activities on Nonfederal Lands)

Please type or print clearly in ink (see instructions for completion)

1. Plan or Notice Name: And Number:

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2. Landowner’s Contact Information:

Name:		
Address:		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone: ()	E-mail address (optional):	

3. Name and Phone Number of Contact Person(s):

Name:	Phone: ()
Name:	Phone: ()

4. Waiver Category: (Check box for Category for which you are applying. See Instructions for more information.)

Category 1: Minor Timber Harvest Activities On Nonfederal Lands. (Also check one box below):

- The project will proceed under a CDF-approved plan (i.e., THP, NTMP, PTHP, etc.), and the CDF-approved plan incorporates the Regional Board’s 16 eligibility criteria for a Category 1 Waiver within the plan, as part of the plan (reference: Waiver p. 4-5, Sec. II.A.1.b and II.A.2.b).
- The project will proceed under a CDF-accepted Notice of Exemption or Notice of Emergency, and in addition to practices required by CDF, the project will also follow the 12 eligibility criteria listed below (reference: Waiver p. 4-5, Sec. II.A.1.b):
 1. No timber harvest activities on slopes greater than 60%.
 2. No timber harvest activities within any Special Treatment Area “type a” or “type c,” as defined in 14 CCR 895.1, except hauling over existing roads that complies with the rules associated with that Special Treatment Area.
 3. No new construction or reconstruction, as defined in 14 CCR 895.1, of logging roads, landings, or watercourse crossings.
 4. No timber harvest activities within the standard width of a Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone, as defined in 14 CCR 916.4 [936.4, 956.4](b), or within 25 feet of any Class III or Class IV watercourse where sideslope steepness is 30% or greater, except for use and maintenance of existing permanent roads, use of existing bridges and existing culverts as skid trail crossings, and maintenance of associated drainage facilities or structures.
 5. No timber harvest activities that may disturb, threaten, or damage known or potential aquatic or wetland habitat for rare, threatened or endangered plants or animals.
 6. No timber harvest activities on soils with high or extreme erosion hazard rating.
 7. No heavy equipment operation in meadows or wet areas, except use and maintenance of existing roads and associated drainage facilities or structures.
 8. No timber harvest activities during the winter period from October 15 through May 1, or under saturated soil conditions as defined in 14 CCR 895.1
 9. No timber harvest activities involving mechanical site preparation, as defined in 14 CCR 895.1.
 10. No timber harvest activities involving prescribed burning.
 11. No timber harvest activities that do not meet minimum stocking requirements immediately upon completion of harvest, as defined in 14 CCR 912.7 [932.7, 952.7].
 12. No timber harvest activities that include, are accompanied by, or followed by post-harvest applications of herbicides.



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4. Waiver Category: (continued)

Category 2: Exempt Or Emergency Timber Harvest Activities On Nonfederal Lands That Do Not Qualify For Waiver Under Category 1. An RPF conducted a comprehensive site review. Attached (on Addendum form) is a brief description of the findings of the RPF's review, and a list of all required additional management practices to be followed (ref: Waiver p. 6-7, Sec. II.B.1.a-d). Also, check one box below and attach indicated documentation:

Special circumstances requiring additional review by a biological scientist were encountered by the RPF (ref: Waiver p. 6, Sec. II.B.1.a-b). The report of the qualified biologist is attached.

No special circumstances exist that require additional review by experts other than the RPF.

Category 3: Timber Harvest Activities On Nonfederal Lands That Receive Discretionary Approval From CDF And For Which Regional Board Staff Has Fully Participated In The Interdisciplinary Review Team Process.

For THPs, NTMPs, and other plans waived under Category 3, all identified additional management practices or water quality protective measures resulting from Regional Board participation in the CDF review process must be included within the CDF-approved plan as part of the plan (ref: Waiver p. 8, Sec. II.C.1.a-d).

Category 4: Timber Harvest Activities On Nonfederal Lands That Receive Discretionary Approval From CDF For Which Regional Board Staff Has Not Fully Participated In the Interdisciplinary Review Team Process And Which Are Not Eligible For A Waiver Under Category 1. The RPF conducted a comprehensive site review. The findings of the RPF's review, and a list of all required additional management practices have been incorporated into the CDF-approved plan as part of the plan (ref: Waiver p. 9-11, Sec. II.D.1-3). Check one box below and attach indicated documentation:

Special circumstances requiring additional review by other experts were encountered by the RPF. The report(s) of the other expert(s) are attached to the CDF plan or to this application, and the required additional practices have been incorporated into the CDF-approved plan as part of the plan (ref: Waiver p. 9-11, Sec. II.D.1.a-c).

No special circumstances exist that require additional review by experts other than the RPF.

5. Registered Professional Forester (complete this section if applying under Category 2, 3, or 4):

RPF Name:		RPF Number:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone: ()		E-mail address (optional):	

6. Certification:

I, the Landowner, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the CDF-approved plan or CDF-accepted notice accurately represents site conditions, that I will comply with all of the general conditions of Attachment A to Board Resolution R6T-2003-0001, and that implementation of the approved plan or notice will assure compliance with all eligibility criteria and conditions for the Waiver category for which I am applying.

Signature:	Date:
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Instructions for Completion of Certification Notice (i.e., Application)

California Water Code (CWC) Section 13269 authorizes the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Regional Board) to waive the requirement to submit reports of waste discharge and to obtain waste discharge requirements for a specific type of discharge if the waiver is not against the public interest and the waiver is conditional. The Regional Board, in Resolution No. R6T-2003-0001, adopted the “Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities.” Subject to the conditions set forth in Attachment A of Resolution No. R6T-2003-0001 (“Waiver”), the Regional Board waives the requirements to submit a report of waste discharge and obtain waste discharge requirements for timber harvest activities (existing or proposed) that meet specified eligibility criteria and conditions. *No fee is currently required to apply for or receive a categorical waiver from the Regional Board for timber harvest activities.*

1. Plan or Notice Name and Number: Enter the name given to the project if any, and enter the number of the plan or exempt/emergency notice as assigned by CDF.

2. Landowner’s Contact Information: The primary responsible party (i.e., “discharger”) under California water law is the property owner. Enter the Landowner’s name, mailing address and phone number, including area code. If there is more than one landowner, list their info on the Addendum form.

3. Name and Phone Number of Contact Person(s): List the primary person(s) responsible for on-site operations. These are the persons Regional Board staff will attempt to contact prior to conducting inspections.

4. Waiver Category: Check one box next to the Category number under which you are seeking coverage. Under Categories 1, 2, and 4, check the one box that applies to your project. **Important Note:** In order to qualify for a Waiver, all required information must be provided, and in the case of Category 1, 3, and 4 Waivers, required information must be included **within** the CDF-approved plan. See each category for specific requirements.

Category 1: Minor Timber Harvest Activities On Nonfederal Lands

For CDF-approved plans (such as THPs, NTMPs, PTHPs, etc.) to qualify for this category, check the 1st box under Category 1 and include the 16 eligibility criteria required for a Category 1 Waiver (ref: Waiver, pp. 4-5, Part II.A.1.b.1-16) **within** the CDF-approved plan as part of that plan. For CDF-accepted exempt or emergency notices, simply check the 2nd box under Category 1. In all cases, the Discharger must certify (by signing the application form) that the timber harvest activities will comply with all applicable eligibility criteria and conditions for Waiver Category 1 (ref: Waiver, pp. 3-4, Part I.B.1-7, and pp. 4-5, Part II.A). Note: A post-harvest Certification Notice is not required for this category.

Category 2: Exempt Or Emergency Timber Harvest Activities On Nonfederal Lands That Do Not Qualify For Waiver Under Category 1

To qualify for this category: (1) A Notice of Exemption or Notice of Emergency must be approved by CDF; and (2) An RPF must have conducted a comprehensive field review and incorporated all required information and practices in an attachment (“Addendum”) to the Regional Board’s application form (ref: Waiver, pp. 6-7, Part II.B.1), and (3) The Discharger must certify (by signing the application form) that the timber harvest activities will comply with all applicable eligibility criteria and conditions for Waiver Category 2 (ref: Waiver, pp. 3-4, Part I.B.1-7, and pp. 6-8, Part II.B). In cases where review by a qualified biological scientist is required, additional information must also be attached (ref: Waiver, pp. 6-7, Part II.B.1.b). Note: A post-harvest Certification Notice must also be filed within 30 days of project completion.

Category 3: Timber Harvest Activities On Nonfederal Lands That Receive Discretionary Approval From CDF And For Which Regional Board Staff Has Fully Participated In The Interdisciplinary Review Team Process

To qualify for this category: (1) A THP, NTMP, PTHP or other plan or amendment must be approved by CDF, and a copy received by the Regional Board; and (2) Regional Board staff must have participated in a pre-harvest inspection; and (3) CDF must have incorporated all practices required for a Waiver into the plan or amendment (ref: Waiver, pp. 8, Part II.C.1.b-d), and (4) The Discharger must certify (by signing the application form) that the timber harvest activities will comply with all applicable eligibility criteria and conditions for Waiver Category 3 (ref: Waiver, pp. 3-4, Part I.B.1-7, and pp. 8-9, Part II.C). Note: A post-harvest Certification Notice must also be filed forthwith upon project completion.

Category 4: Timber Harvest Activities On Nonfederal Lands That Receive Discretionary Approval From CDF For Which Regional Board Staff Has Not Fully Participated In the Interdisciplinary Review Team Process And Which Are Not Eligible For A Waiver Under Category 1.

To qualify for this category: (1) A THP, NTMP, PTHP or other plan or amendment must be approved by CDF, and a copy received by the Regional Board; and (2) An RPF must have conducted a comprehensive field review and incorporated all required information and practices within the CDF-approved plan or amendment (ref: Waiver, pp. 9-11, Part II.D.1.a-c); and (3) The Discharger must certify (by signing the application form) that the timber harvest activities will comply with all applicable eligibility criteria and conditions for Waiver Category 4 (ref: Waiver, pp. 3-4, Part I.B.1-7, and pp. 9-12, Part II.D). In cases where review by a qualified biological scientist, engineer, or geologist is required, additional information must also be attached (ref: Waiver, p. 10, Part II.D.1.b-c). Note: A post-harvest Certification Notice must also be filed forthwith upon project completion.

5. **Registered Professional Forester:** Complete this section if an RPF is required.

6. **Certification:** The landowner must sign and date.

For CDF exemption & emergency notices, the completed Certification Notice may be submitted to the Regional Board or to CDF along with the exemption/emergency notice. (CDF will forward your application to the Regional Board, however, you are not covered by the Waiver until the Regional Board receives all required information and materials.) For CDF-approved plans, submit the application directly to:

**Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Timber Harvest
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150**

The following Regional Board staff may be contacted for questions:

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Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board



Addendum to

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Use this page to provide additional information (See instructions; make additional copies as needed)