

## 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.

**Posting Date:** December 4, 2015  
**To State Clearinghouse:** December 4, 2015  
**Comment Period:** December 4, 2015, to January 18, 2016  
**Proposed Adoption Date:** March 10, 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 Finding:** The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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**Public Hearing:** March 10, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., in Humboldt County at the location to be announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda.

**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 January 18, 2016 at [northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov), or at the above address. For more information contact: Jim Burke at (707) 576-2289, or [james.burke@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:james.burke@waterboards.ca.gov)