

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 7-8, 2005**  
Prepared on June 17, 2005

**ITEM: 25**

**SUBJECT: INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A GENERAL  
CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR TIMBER HARVEST ACTIVITIES IN THE CENTRAL COAST  
REGION, RESOLUTION NO. R3-2005-0075**

**SUMMARY:**

The project consists of adopting a General Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Timber Harvest Requirements) for timber harvest activities that meet specified eligibility criteria and that follow specified conditions. Any such Timber Harvest Requirements issued pursuant to this action would be determined by the Regional Water Board not to adversely affect the quality of or the beneficial uses of the waters of the State and be in the public interest pursuant to California Water Code Section 13269. Any such Timber Harvest Requirements are conditional and may be terminated at any time by the Central Coast Regional Water Board or its Executive Officer.

The Water Board is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff has prepared an Initial Study (Attachment 2) in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15063 and a proposed Negative

Declaration (Attachment 3) in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq.). The Negative Declaration concludes that the conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for timber harvest activities pursuant to the proposed Timber Harvest Requirements will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Copies of the proposed Negative Declaration were transmitted to all agencies and persons known to be interested in this matter. Staff recommends that the Water Board adopt the Negative Declaration prior to adopting the proposed Timber Harvest Requirements.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. R3-2005-0075 adopting the Negative Declaration for the proposed project.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution R3-2005-0075
2. Initial Study
3. Negative Declaration
4. Order R3-2005-0066 General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements