

California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

for

Draft Order No. R1-2023-0034

Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements
and
General Water Quality Certification
for
Road Management and Activities
Conducted Under the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program
in the
North Coast Region

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), will conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of the above-referenced Draft Order.

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the Draft Order is scheduled for June 15 or 16, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, California. This meeting is scheduled to occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for remote participation via video and teleconference. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the Draft Order.

Live video and audio broadcasts of the public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [CalEPA Public meeting live webcasts webpage](https://video.calepa.ca.gov) (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov>). The public hearing will be recorded.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Gov. Code, § 11120 et seq.), an agenda will be posted to the Board's website at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. The agenda will specify any updates to the meeting format. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Meetings webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/).

Overview

The existing Order, R1-2018-0011, (5C Waiver) which was adopted in 2018, applies to 14 different types of road management activities related to the routine and emergency repair

and maintenance of rural and county roads and related facilities. The 5C Waiver groups these activities into two categories, Category A and Category B, based on potential impacts to Waters of the State and establishes general and specific conditions, monitoring requirements, and eligibility criteria for each category. The 5C Waiver will expire on May 16, 2023. The Draft Order proposes to contain the same requirements as the 5C Waiver, with non-substantive revisions throughout, including updating findings specific to the renewal, correct typographical errors, and standardized formatting.

Information about the 5C Waiver can be found at the [Regional Water Board's 5C Waiver Program webpage](#) – (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/non_point_source/5C).

Document Availability

The Draft Order is available and can be downloaded from the [Regional Water Board's website](#) – (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

These files can also be viewed or copied by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended for document reviews and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Public Comments

Any written comments or evidence regarding the Draft Order must be submitted to Northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov and received by the Regional Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2023. Written material received after May 13, 2023, will not be accepted except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair.

Oral comments or testimony will also be accepted at the hearing. The time limit for public oral comments or testimony will be 5 minutes; however, additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. A timer may be used, and speakers are expected to honor time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson to avoid unnecessary or repetitive presentations.

Public Hearing Procedures

The procedures governing Regional Water Board hearings may be found in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq. and are available upon request.

Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Deidre Wilderson at 707-576-2220 at least five days prior to the scheduled

meeting. The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

Regional Water Board Staff Contact

Questions regarding the proposed Order should be directed to Maggie Robinson, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403, by phone (707) 576-2292, or email at Maggie.Robinson@waterboards.ca.gov.