

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
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Notice of Public Hearing

For

Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2006-0020
NPDES Permit NPDES No. CA0006017
WDID No. 1B83104OHUM

For

Pacific Lumber Company (PALCO)
Scotia Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)
And
Steam Electric Power Plant

Humboldt County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, proposes to adopt Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2006-0020 for the PALCO Scotia Wastewater Treatment Facility and Steam Electric Power Plant. This item was originally opened for public comment between March 14 and April 17, 2006. Comments received resulted in a more stringent application of effluent limitations for percent removal of biological oxygen demand and total suspended solids. The change to application of effluent limitations may be considered significant. Therefore the public comment period has been reopened for an additional 30 days to allow comments on the change.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public meeting to consider comments and objections to the proposed permit is scheduled for June 20 or 21, 2006, in Santa Rosa at 9:00 a.m. or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed waste discharge requirements.

The Discharger and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, 95403, written copies of all technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material concerning this issue by 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 2006. This written material will be submitted to the Regional Water Board members and all interested persons along with the full agenda materials.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board by May 25, 2006. The statements should provide the name of the witness, their qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of their intended testimony. Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted or late accepted written evidence, but shall not add new evidence. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by Regional Water Board Chair and usually will allow no more than 10 minutes for Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger and three minutes for other interested persons. A timer may be used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

Document Review

The tentative Order related documents and comments received are on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Catherine E. Kuhlman
Executive Officer

April 25, 2006