
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
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Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements
Order No. R1-2026-0045
for
California Redwood Company and Trinity River Timber Company
DBA North Fork Lumber Company
Korbel Sawmill

NPDES No. CA0005932
WDID No. 1B80020OHUM

Humboldt County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2026-0045 for the California Redwood Company and Trinity River Timber Company dba North Fork Lumber Company, Korbel Sawmill (Facility) which will replace the current NPDES permit for the Facility, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2019-0005.

This item will be open for public comment between **September 4, 2026, and October 5, 2026**. Comments and questions regarding the draft Order should be submitted to the Regional Water Board email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov, Attention: Matthew Herman. A public hearing concerning the tentative Order will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting scheduled for **December 3-4, 2026**. Further information regarding comment procedures and the public hearing is below.

Permittee and Facility Information

The Korbel Sawmill, located at 1165 Maple Creek Road, Korbel, Humboldt County, is owned by California Redwood Company, and operated by Trinity River Timber Company dba North Fork Lumber Company. Onsite operations for the Facility include decking and sprinkling fir logs; debarking and bucking; sawing, milling, and planing operations; lumber storage and shipping; and by-product generation. Discharge water only originates from stormwater runoff and log-deck sprinkler water that is treated using

settlement basins and a constructed wetland prior to discharge to the Mad River at 40° 52' 27" N latitude and 123° 57' 25" W longitude.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed permit is scheduled for the Regional Water Board's **December 3-4, 2026** Board Meeting, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference at 5550 Skylane Blvd. Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, but the format may be changed in the future. Please follow the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website for information on how to participate in the meeting and any updates regarding this agenda item.

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 page](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. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Meetings website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/), (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/)

At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed permit.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any written evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be submitted to the Regional Water Board email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov **attention: Matthew Herman no later than 5:00 pm, on October 5, 2026**. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Any person requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause, and the Chair must find that the admission of the late materials would not prejudice the North Coast Regional Water Board or any designated party. Pursuant to title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 648.4, the Regional Water Board may refuse to admit written testimony or evidence into the administrative record if it is not submitted to the Regional Water Board in a timely manner, unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would create an unreasonable hardship.

Oral comments or testimony at the hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted, or late-accepted written evidence but shall not introduce new evidence. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 20 minutes each for

Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger is limited to 5 minutes. 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 testimony.

Document Review

The Proposed Permit and related documents are available at the [Regional Water Board's website for tentative orders for Board decisions](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Additionally, the Proposed Permit and file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. To make an appointment for document review, please call (707) 576-2220.

Hearing Accommodations

The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation should contact Valerie Quinto, Executive Officer, at (707) 543-7147 or valerie.quinto@waterboards.ca.gov at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Regional Water Board Contact

Please direct questions regarding this hearing item to Matthew Herman at (707) 576-2683 or matthew.herman@waterboards.ca.gov.

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September 4, 2026

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