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In the Matter of

Water Quality Certification

for the

**SISKIYOU COUNTY DPW – SHASTA RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
WDID NO. 1A08160WNSI**

APPLICANT:	Siskiyou County Department of Public Works
RECEIVING WATER:	Shasta River
HYDROLOGIC UNIT:	Shasta Valley Hydrologic Area No. 105.50
COUNTY:	Siskiyou
FILE NAME:	Siskiyou County DPW – Shasta River Bridge Replacement

BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

1. On November 5, 2008, the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works (Applicant) filed an application for water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) for activities associated with replacing the Shasta River Bridge on Edgewood Road near the town of Weed. The Regional Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 3858 on November 25, 2008, and posted information describing the project on the Regional Water Board's website. We did not receive any public comments on this project.
2. The existing bridge is an 83-foot long and 24-foot wide two-span concrete structure that was constructed in 1922. The project involves replacing the existing bridge with a 99.5-foot long and 24-foot wide single-span concrete structure. The new bridge will be placed in the same alignment as the existing bridge. The bridge section of Edgewood Road will be closed to through traffic during the project. Traffic will be routed to Highway 5 and Old Edgewood Weed Road.
3. A hydraulic breaker attached to an excavator will be used to demolish the existing bridge structure. The bridge will be broken into pieces and/or separated into

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segments that will be removed with a crane. The existing mid-span bridge support piers will be removed at least one foot below the bottom of the stream channel. A containment system will be installed beneath the bridge to capture demolition debris and prevent debris from being deposited on the native streambed materials. Bridge demolition debris will be removed and hauled to an appropriate disposal site.

4. The existing bridge abutments will not be removed. The abutments for the new bridge will be constructed behind the existing abutments. Approximately 10 cubic yards of existing rock riprap that is located along the northwest side of the bridge will be removed to facilitate construction of the footing for the bridge abutment. The riprap will be replaced in the same location.
5. The project will not result in any new permanent impacts to waters of the state. Removal and replacement of the existing rock riprap will temporarily impact 300 square feet and 30 linear feet of the streambank where riprap currently exists. Removal of the existing mid-span piers will result in 8 square feet and 4 linear feet of temporary impacts to the streambed. Removal of the piers will result in restoration of 8 square feet of streambed.
6. Compensatory mitigation is not required. Noncompensatory mitigation includes the use of Best Management Practices for erosion control. The project is expected to begin in June 2009 and take approximately 90 days to complete.
7. The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform the project under Nationwide Permit Number 14 (File No. 2007-00862), pursuant to Clean Water Act, section 404. The applicant has also obtained a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Game.
8. On December 17, 2007, the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works approved a mitigated negative declaration (SCH No. 2007112039) for the project in order to comply with CEQA. The Regional Water Board has considered the environmental document and any proposed changes incorporated into the project or required as a condition of approval to avoid significant effects to the environment.
9. This discharge is also regulated under State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredge and Fill Discharges That Have Received State Water Quality Certification," which requires compliance with all conditions of this water quality certification.

Receiving Water: Shasta River in the Shasta Valley Hydrologic Area No.
105.50

Filled or Excavated Area: Area Temporarily Impacted: 300 square feet of streambank
and 8 square feet of streambed

Area Permanently Impacted: None

Total Linear Impacts: Length Temporarily Impacted: 30 linear feet of streambank and 4 linear feet of streambed
Length Permanently Impacted: None

Dredge Volume: None

Restoration: Removal of existing mid-span piers will result in restoration of 8 square feet and 4 linear feet of streambed

Latitude/Longitude: 41.43858 N/122.43263 W

Accordingly, based on its independent review of the record, the Regional Water Board certifies that the Shasta River Bridge Replacement Project (WDID No.1A08160WNSI), as described in the application, will comply with sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act, and with applicable provisions of state law, provided that the Applicant complies with the following terms and conditions:

1. This certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Water Code section 13330 and title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 3867.
2. This certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any discharge from any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 3855, subdivision (b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. This certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 2200, and owed by the Applicant.
4. The Regional Water Board shall be notified in writing at least five working days (working days are Monday – Friday) prior to the commencement of ground disturbing activities, with details regarding the construction schedule, in order to allow staff to be present onsite during construction, and to answer any public inquiries that may arise regarding the project.
5. No debris, soil, silt, sand, bark, slash, sawdust, rubbish, cement or concrete washings, oil or petroleum products, or other organic or earthen material from any construction or associated activity of whatever nature, other than that authorized by this Order, shall be allowed to enter into or be placed where it may be washed by rainfall into waters of the State. When operations are completed, any excess

material or debris shall be removed from the work area. No rubbish shall be deposited within 150 feet of the high water mark of any stream.

6. BMPs for erosion, sediment and turbidity control shall be implemented and in place at commencement of, during and after any ground clearing activities or any other project activities that could result in erosion or sediment discharges to surface water.
7. The mitigation measures for biological resources, geology and soils, and hydrology and water quality that are described in the mitigated negative declaration for this project are hereby incorporated by reference and are conditions of approval of this certification. Notwithstanding any more specific conditions in this certification, the Applicant shall comply with the mitigation measures contained in the mitigated negative declaration.
8. All activities and BMPs shall be implemented according to the submitted application and the conditions in this certification.
9. A containment system shall be installed beneath the bridge to capture all demolition and construction debris. The containment system shall prevent all demolition and construction debris from being deposited on the streambed and streambanks. Bridge demolition and construction debris shall be removed and hauled to an appropriate disposal site.
10. A copy of this Order and the application documents submitted by the Applicant for this certification shall be provided to all contractors and subcontractors conducting the work, and shall be in their possession at the work site.
11. If, at any time, an unauthorized discharge to surface water (including wetlands, rivers or streams) occurs, or any water quality problem arises, the associated project activities shall cease immediately until adequate BMPs are implemented. The Regional Water Board shall be notified promptly and in no case more than 24 hours after the unauthorized discharge or water quality problem arises.
12. Disturbance or removal of vegetation shall not exceed the minimum necessary to complete the project.
13. Prior to implementing any change to the project that may have a significant or material effect on the findings, conclusions, or conditions of this Order, the Applicant shall obtain the written approval of the Regional Water Board Executive Officer.
14. All project work shall be conducted as described in this Order and in the application submitted by the Applicant. If the Regional Water Board is not notified of a significant alteration to the project, it will be considered a violation of this Order, and the Applicant may be subject to Regional Water Board enforcement actions.

15. The Regional Water Board may add to or modify the conditions of this Order, as appropriate, to implement any new or revised water quality standards and implementation plans adopted and approved pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act or Section 303 of the Clean Water Act.
16. The Applicant shall provide Regional Water Board staff access to the project site to document compliance with this certification.
17. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this certification, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process or sanctions as provided for under applicable State or federal law. For the purposes of section 401(d) of the Clean Water Act, the applicability of any State law authorizing remedies, penalties, process or sanctions constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this certification. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this certification, the Regional Water Board may require the holder of any federal permit or license subject to this certification to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Regional Water Board deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In response to any violation of the conditions of this certification, the Regional Water Board may add to or modify the conditions of this certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.
18. In the event of any change in control of ownership of land presently owned or controlled by the Applicant, the Applicant shall notify the successor-in-interest of the existence of this Order by letter and shall forward a copy of the letter to the Regional Water Board at the above address.

To discharge dredged or fill material under this Order, the successor-in-interest must send to the Regional Water Board Executive Officer a written request for transfer of the Order. The request must contain the requesting entity's full legal name, the state of incorporation if a corporation, and the address and telephone number of the person(s) responsible for contact with the Regional Water Board. The request must also describe any changes to the project proposed by the successor-in-interest or confirm that the successor-in-interest intends to implement the project as described in this Order.
19. Except as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all certification actions are contingent on: a) the discharge being limited to and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the Applicant's project description, and b) compliance with all applicable requirements of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan).

20. The authorization of this certification for any dredge and fill activities expires on December 23, 2013. Conditions and monitoring requirements outlined in this certification are not subject to the expiration date outlined above, and remain in full effect and are enforceable.

If you have any questions or comments please call Dean Prat at (707) 576-2801.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

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