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In the Matter of  
Water Quality Certification  
for  
California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Glenbrook Gulch Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Project  
WDID No. 1B10023WNME

APPLICANT: California Department of Parks and Recreation,  
Mendocino District  
RECEIVING WATER: Glenbrook Gulch  
HYDROLOGIC AREA: Albion River Hydrologic Subarea No. 113.40,  
Mendocino Coast Hydrologic Area 113.00  
COUNTY: Mendocino County  
FILE NAME: C DPR-Mendocino District,  
Glenbrook Gulch Fish Habitat Restoration

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BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

1. On March 15, 2010, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Ms. Renée Pasquinelli, of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Mendocino District (Applicant), requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the California Department of Parks and Recreation Glenbrook Gulch Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Project (Project), near the town of Albion, Mendocino County. A fee in the amount of \$640.00 was received on the same day (March 15, 2010). The Regional Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 3858 on August 2, 2010, and posted information describing the Project on the Regional Water Board's website. No comments were received. The Project will cause temporary and permanent impacts to approximately 735 linear feet of watercourse of Glenbrook Gulch, tributary to the Albion River.

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2. Project is located at Glenbrook Gulch, tributary to Albion River, latitude 39.3232°N to 39.2688°N, longitude 123.6705°W to 123.6671°W, in Mendocino County.
3. The purpose of the project is to improve fish passage for Coho salmon and steelhead trout in Glenbrook Gulch. The objectives of the project are to remove an instream barrier to salmonids, restore channel morphology and prevent further degradation of anadromous fish habitat, reduce sedimentation by removing poised sediment sources that would flow directly to the Albion River, and proper abandonment of a section of sediment-producing logging road. The project will open approximately 3,500 feet of stream channel to spawning and rearing and prevent delivery of approximately 2,900 cubic yards of sediment to the stream channel.
4. The project includes the following work:
  - Remove the 1,500 cubic yard earth-filled dam and impounded sediment, and reestablish the stream gradient through the project reach, and armor the channel in necessary areas.
  - Install six (6) instream fish habitat and/or bank stabilization structures and stabilize 0.11 miles of stream bank.
  - Abandon/treat eroding logging roads.
  - All disturbed or erodible stream banks and all disturbed soils shall be treated with proper BMPs such as seeding, mulching, and planting with native plants.
5. Non-compensatory mitigation measures include the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be employed during construction to minimize sediment production and prevent the movement of loose soil off-site. All erosion control measures will be installed and in place by October 15, or during non-construction periods as necessary, and maintained thereafter by the contractor/Applicant. All disturbed soil will be revegetated with native species or seeded with native grasses. If vegetation cannot be reestablished before expected rainfall, mulching, erosion control fabric, or other sediment control measures will be implemented to prevent delivery of sediment to the creek. All equipment will be maintained in good working order and spill kits will be on hand during construction. Equipment shall not be staged, or fueled, within the stream. Additionally, all required BMPs shall be on-site and ready for timely deployment before the start of construction activities.
6. Work will be done during the dry season, between June 15 and October 31. Stream dewatering, stream flow diversion, and fish relocation shall comply with California Department of Fish and Game, and NOAA Fisheries requirements.

7. The Applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Game for a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (File No. 1600-2010-0133-R1).
8. The Applicant has received a Clean Water Act Section 404 Nationwide Permit No. 33 Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering, File No. 2010-00149N, from the US Army Corps of Engineers, on June 10, 2010.
9. The California Department of Fish and Game, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration with the State Clearing House, (State Clearinghouse No. 2008052026), on June 6, 2008, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.
10. Because the Project involves construction that may adversely affect waters of the State, the Regional Water Board has regulatory jurisdiction under Water Code Section 13269.

Receiving Water: Glenbrook Gulch, tributary to Albion River,  
Albion River Hydrologic Subarea No. 113.40,  
Mendocino Coast Hydrologic Area 113.00

Filled or Excavated Area: Permanent impacts to approximately 655 linear feet of  
linear watercourse, and temporary impact to 80 linear feet  
of linear watercourse of Glenbrook Gulch.

Latitude/Longitude: latitude 39.3232°N to 39.2688°N,  
longitude 123.6705°W to 123.6671°W

Expiration: August 24, 2015

Accordingly, based on its independent review of the record, the Regional Water Board certifies that the California Department of Parks and Recreation Glenbrook Gulch Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Project (WDID No. 1B10023WNME), 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. 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 Order (Enclosed).
5. The Albion River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for sediment was established in 2001 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, because the State of California determined that the water quality standards for the Albion River are exceeded due to excessive sediment. Roads and bank erosion are identified as sources contributing to the sediment impairment. The primary adverse impacts associated with excessive sediment in the Albion River pertain to cold freshwater habitat, primarily anadromous salmonid habitat. Additionally, the Albion River is listed as impaired for temperature. Removal of riparian vegetation is identified as a source contributing to temperature impairment. At present, a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for temperature has not been established for this water body. If a TMDL is established and implementation plans are adopted for this watershed prior to the expiration date of this Order, the Regional Water Board may revise the provisions of this Order to address actions identified in such action plans. Actions authorized by this Order require implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for sediment control and planting of more riparian zone shade vegetation at and near the project site. Accordingly, this Order is consistent with, and implements BMPs that would attenuate sediment and temperature adverse impacts. Accordingly, this Order is consistent with, and implements portions of the Albion River TMDL.
6. The federal antidegradation policy requires that state water quality standards include an antidegradation policy consistent with the federal policy. The State Water Board established California's antidegradation policy in State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16. Resolution No. 68-16 incorporates the federal antidegradation policy where the federal policy applies under federal law. Resolution No. 68-16 requires that existing quality of waters be maintained unless degradation is justified based on specific findings. The Regional Water Board's Basin Plan implements, and incorporates by reference, both the State

and federal antidegradation policies. This Order is consistent with applicable federal and State antidegradation policies, as it does not authorize the discharge of increased concentrations of pollutants or increased volumes of treated wastewater.

7. Applicant shall prioritize use of wildlife-friendly 100% biodegradable erosion control products/BMPs wherever feasible. For purposes of this Order, photodegradable synthetic products are not considered biodegradable. Applicant shall not use or allow the use of erosion control products, that contain synthetic (e.g., plastic or nylon) netting or materials for permanent erosion control (i.e., erosion control materials to be left in place for two years or after the completion date of the project). If the Applicant finds that erosion control netting or products have entrapped or harmed wildlife, the Applicant shall remove the netting or product and replace it with wildlife-friendly biodegradable products. The Applicant shall not use or allow the use of soil stabilization products that contain synthetic materials within waters of the United States or waters of the State at any time. Applicant shall remove any remaining synthetic netting or materials remaining at the end of two years, or sooner.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. All activities and BMPs shall be implemented according to the submitted application and the conditions in this certification.

12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Disturbance or removal of vegetation shall not exceed the minimum necessary to complete the project.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. The Applicant shall provide Regional Water Board staff access to the project site to document compliance with this certification.
19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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).
22. The authorization of this certification for any dredge and fill activities expires on August 24, 2015. 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 Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653.

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Catherine Kuhlman  
Executive Officer

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Web link:           State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2003-0017 -DWQ,  
General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredge and Fill

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Discharges That Have Received State Water Quality Certification  
may be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/  
water\\_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0017.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0017.pdf)

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