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Mr. Rich Stabler
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Mr. Stabler:

Subject: Amendment to the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification (Water Quality Certification), for the Sonoma county Department of Transportation and Public Works, Annapolis Bridge Seismic Retrofitting Project

File: Annapolis Bridge Retrofitting - WDID No. 1B03210WNSO

On March 25, 2011, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a request for amendment of the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Water Quality Certification) for the Annapolis Bridge Retrofitting Project that was issued by this office on November 1, 2004. Amendment of the Water Quality Certification was requested in order to address the need to extend the expiration date, and to include a revised project description that includes the reduction of impacts to waters of the State within the project area.

This amendment does not include an expansion of impacts to waters of the State, nor does it expand any new activities not authorized within the original Order. It does extend the effective period of the original Order so that all work authorized may be completed. The original Order expired on October 15, 2009.

The impacts within the project will be reduced by eliminating three 12-foot wide river crossings that were intended for traffic diversion during construction. Instead of the previously proposed river crossings, the bridge will be closed during the daylight hours for construction, with traffic being diverted to existing surface roads in the day, and back onto the bridge during the night hours. Amended impacts to waters of the State include: A construction access route graded through the bank and across the gravel bar to accommodate a construction work pad. A single temporary access/work pad will be constructed directly under the bridge and will cross the entire active channel. The

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access/work pad will be reduced in size to 20 feet long x 50 feet wide with a 5 foot deep base; resulting in 185 cubic yards of temporary gravel fill. Impacts to the Gualala River will be reduced from 0.84 acres to 0.023 acres.

This Amendment authorizes the following:

Amended Expiration Date: All work shall be complete by October 15, 2012.

Amended Project Description: Eliminate three 12-foot wide river crossings that were intended for traffic diversion during construction. The access/work pad will be reduced in size to 20 feet long x 50 feet wide with a 5 foot deep base; resulting in 185 cubic yards of temporary gravel fill. Temporary impacts to the Gualala River will be reduced from 0.84 acres to 0.023 acres. Other portions of the previously issued Order shall remain the same.

I hereby issue an amendment to the November 1, 2004, Water Quality Certification Order (WDID No. 1B03210WNSO) for the Annapolis Bridge Retrofit Project to incorporate the application revisions and certify that the remainder of the Water Quality Certification sections of the Order are still valid. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Stephen Bargsten of my staff at (707) 576-2653.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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