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Ms. Jan Smith
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Dear Ms. Smith:

Subject: Amendment to the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification (Water Quality Certification) for the Halls Gulch Bridge Replacement Project

File: Trinity Co. DOT – Halls Gulch Bridge Replacement
WDID No. 1A10126WNTR

On September 30, 2011, we received your letter requesting amendment of Additional Condition Number 16 of the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Water Quality Certification) for the Halls Gulch Bridge Replacement Project. Additional Condition Number 16 prohibits fueling, lubrication, maintenance, storage, and staging of vehicles and equipment within 150 linear feet of waters of the State and United States.

You requested an amendment to Additional Condition Number 16 the project area is along an existing road at the confluence of two streams and there is only one staging area available that is at least 150 feet away from both streams and that area will be reserved for fueling, lubrication, and maintenance of equipment. Vehicle parking and staging of some equipment and materials will be necessary within another staging area located along an existing road that is 50 feet from Halls Gulch. Best Management Practices such as spill kits, sediment barriers around stockpiles, and silt fencing around staging areas will be implemented to protect water quality from potential impacts associated with staging of vehicles, equipment and materials.

This letter serves as an amendment to the June 13, 2011 Water Quality Certification Order for the Halls Gulch Bridge Replacement Project, revising and replacing Additional Condition Number 16 as outlined below:

Additional Condition No. 16: Fueling, lubrication, maintenance, storage, and staging of vehicles and equipment shall not result in a discharge or

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threatened discharge to any waters of the State including dry portions of the streambank and streambed. At no time shall the Applicant or its contractors allow use of any vehicle or equipment, which leaks any substance that may impact water quality. Fueling, lubrication, and maintenance of vehicles and equipment shall be located at least 150 linear feet from waters of the State and the United States. Storage and staging of vehicles, equipment and construction materials shall be located at least 50 linear feet from waters of the State and the United States.

I hereby issue an amendment to Additional Condition No 16 of the Water Quality Certification Order for the Trinity County DOT – Halls Gulch Bridge Replacement Project (WDID No. 1A10126WNTR) 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 Dean Prat at (707) 576-2801.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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