
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 19, 2012

Mr. Mario Landeros
City of Healdsburg
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Dear Mr. Landeros:

Subject: Notice of Applicability for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Certification of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2012 Nationwide Permits Order Number SB12002GN

File: Healdsburg Avenue Bridge Seismic Retrofit (Geotech)
WDID No. 1B12110WNSO

On June 13, 2012, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received your Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for *Certification of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2012 Nationwide Permits* (General 401 Certification Order) for Healdsburg Avenue Bridge Seismic Retrofit Geotechnical Investigation Project (Project). The Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with the Russian River in the Guerneville Hydrologic Sub Unit No. 114.11, Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.00. Application is for coverage under Order No. SB1200002GN for Nationwide Permit: NWP 6 – Survey Activities. The primary purpose of the Project is to perform geotechnical investigations on the Healdsburg Avenue Bridge to further evaluate the stability of the existing central pier and to determine if additional load postings, traffic controls, or other safety measures are necessary.

The City of Healdsburg proposes to drill a single test hole through the deck of the bridge into the bed of the Russian River near the center pier of the Healdsburg Avenue Bridge with a truck mounted drilling rig.

The City of Healdsburg as the lead CEQA agency has determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, is categorically exempt from CEQA review (section 15306 – Information Collection) and meets the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Certification Order.

Receiving Water: Guerneville Hydrologic Sub Unit No. 114.11, Russian River
Hydrologic Unit No. 114.00

Filled or Excavated Area: Area Temporarily Impacted: >0.001 Acre
Area Permanently Impacted: None

Total Linear Impacts: Length Temporarily Impacted: None
Length Permanently Impacted: None

Dredge Volume: 0.3 cubic yards

Latitude/Longitude: 38.604117 N, 122.860188 W

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General 401 Certification Order. If you have any questions or comments, please call Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

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