
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 30, 2014

Bruce MacDonell
Russian River Wild Steelhead Society
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Dear Mr. MacDonell:

Subject: Amendment to Notice of Applicability for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects

File: Wild Steelhead Society Middle Reach Russian River Small Habitat LWD;
WDID 1B12152WNSO; ECM PIN CW-784747

On September 2, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received your request to amend the project description for the Wild Steelhead Society Middle Reach Russian River Small Habitat Large Woody Debris Project (project). This letter serves as amendment to the original Notice of Applicability for coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (General 401 Order).

The new project description would introduce an additional 30 Large Woody Debris (LWD) root wads to the Lower Russian River at 8 existing access locations. The amended project would enhance salmonid habitat on an 8.5-mile reach of the Russian River from Guerneville to Duncans Mills. Individual LWD root wads would be placed at the toe of the river during summer low flow at the confluence of tributaries, including Pocket Canyon, Hulbert, Dutch Bill, Austin, and Freezout creeks. The individual LWD pieces will be unanchored and allowed to dynamically move within the stream channel.

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General 401 Order. Please be advised that coverage under this General Order requires that monitoring reports be submitted at least annually documenting the achievement of performance standards and project goals. In addition, you must submit a Notice of

Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after project completion. A complete NOC includes photographs with a descriptive title, the date the photograph was taken, the name of the photographic site, the WDID number indicated above, and the photographic orientation. Please include the project name and the WDID number with all future inquiries and document submittals.

Please contact Kaete King at Kaete.King@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by David Leland for

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

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