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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 12, 2013

Mr. Mark Vasey  
Tower Energy Group  
1983 W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street  
Torrance, CA 90504

Dear Mr. Vasey:

**Subject:** Notice of Applicability (NOA) for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects

**File:** Tower Mart No. 5, Riparian Enhancement Project, Santa Rosa  
WDID No. 1B13025WNSO

On February 12, 2013, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File # SB09016GN (General 401 Order) for the Tower Mart No. 5 Riparian Enhancement Project (Project). The Project is located on Matanzas Creek, Santa Rosa Hydrologic Sub-Area 114.22, Russian River Hydrologic Unit 114.00, 1300 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, California, APN 014-591-028. Coordinates of the project are latitude 38.438449° N, and longitude 122.686917° W. Regional Board staff has determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, is categorically exempt from CEQA review (section 15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects) and meets the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

Project Purpose and Description:

The project is a riparian enhancement project which will include the removal of invasive English ivy from the portion of the left/southern bank of Matanzas creek within the property boundary and the planting of native species in the riparian area. The invasive species removal and native replanting activities are being conducted in order to enhance the existing riparian corridor per the City of Santa Rosa's General Plan and will be conducted in combination with the installation of a Tower Mart Gas station in the vacant upland area adjacent to the riparian corridor. The vacant upland area was used in the past as a gas station. Project totals approximately 0.078 acres and approximately 130 linear feet. Project shall be constructed and maintained as described within application materials, including the *Riparian Zone Management Plan Tower Market #5*, dated January

2013, prepared by NorthStar environmental, and the simplified maintenance plan for the landscape maintenance crew. Project is expected to be implemented during the dry season of 2013.

Receiving Water: Matanzas Creek  
Santa Rosa Hydrologic Sub-Area 114.22  
Russian River Hydrologic Unit 114.00

Filled or Excavated Area: Area Permanently Impacted: 0.078 acres of creek bed/bank

Total Linear Impacts: Length Permanently Impacted: Approximately 130 linear feet of creek bed/bank

Dredge Volume: zero

Latitude/Longitude: 38.438449° N, 122.686917° W

Regional 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 call Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer

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