
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 17, 2014

Mr. Robert Roach
PacifiCorp Energy
925 South Grape Street, Building 5
Medford, OR 97501

Dear Mr. Roach:

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 SB09016GN

File: Klamath River Site A & B Gravel Augmentation for Coho Salmon Spawning Bed Enhancement
WDID No. 1A13138WNSI

On November 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 (General 401 Order) for the Klamath River Site A & B Gravel Augmentation for Coho Salmon Spawning Bed Enhancement (Project). The Project is located on the Klamath River, Middle Klamath River Hydrologic Area 105.37, Iron Gate Hydrologic Sub-Area. The Project sites are located downstream of the Iron Gate Dam Siskiyou County, California. Coordinates of the Project Site A are latitude 41.93135° N, and longitude 122.4411° W and Site B are latitude 41.89161° N, and longitude 122.5385° W. Regional Water 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 purpose of the Project is to enhance the river substrate conditions for Coho salmon spawning habitat and reduce disease incidence and mortality in juvenile Coho salmon downstream of the Iron Gate Dam, through the augmentation of gravel. The Project involves augmentation of gravel at two locations (Site A & B) on the mainstem Klamath River including; introduction of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of clean washed spawning gravel of approximately 1.75 inch average mean diameter over the next five years. Project totals of temporarily impacted area approximate 1.62 acres and 450 linear feet of waters of the US, streambed. The Project shall be constructed and maintained as described within application materials. The Project is expected to be implemented during the months of July through August 2014 – 2018.

Receiving Water:	Klamath River Middle Klamath River Hydrologic Area 105.37, Iron Gate Hydrologic Sub-Area
Filled Excavated Area:	Permanent Area Impacted: None Temporary Area Impacted: 1.62 acres river bed
Total Linear Impacts:	Length Permanently Impacted: None Length Temporarily Impacted: 450 Linear feet river bed
Fill Volume:	Net fill of 3,500 cubic yards of clean spawning gravel over 5 years
Latitude/Longitude:	Site A : 41.93135° N, 122.4411° W Site B : 41.89161° N, 122.5385° W

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. The NOC shall demonstrate that the Project has been carried out in accordance with the Project description as provided in the applicants NOI. Please, include the project name and the WDID number with all future inquiries and document submittals.

Please call Gil Falcone at (707) 576-2830 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

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Weblink: The State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order For Small Habitat Restoration Projects SB09016GN can be found here:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generallorders/shrp_cert.pdf

cc: Ms. Donna Cobb, 601 Locust St., Redding, CA 96001