
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 20, 2014

Ms. Danielle Yokel
Scott River Watershed Council
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Etna, CA 96027

Dear Ms. Yokel:

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: Scott River Juvenile Coho Habitat Enhancement through Beaver Dams
WDID No. 1A14055WNSI, ECM PIN No. CW-806806

On June 9, 2014, 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 Scott River Juvenile Coho Habitat Enhancement through Beaver Dams (Project). The Project is located at five locations on the Scott River, French Creek and Sugar Creek in the Klamath River Hydrologic Unit 105.42, Scott River Hydrologic Sub-Area. The Project sites are located within the Scott River Valley, Siskiyou County, California. Coordinates of the Project Sites are: Site 1 (Menne Ranch) latitude 41.630481° N, and longitude 122.918066° W, Site 2 (Whipple Ranch) latitude 41.475118° N, and longitude 122.849220° W, Site 3 (Spencer property) latitude 41.415746° N, and longitude 122.848108° W, Site 4 (Stapleton property) latitude 41.402523° N, and longitude 122.467483° W, Site 5 (Kalpine property) latitude 41.342074° N, and longitude 122.823892° 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 primary purpose of the Project is to use existing beaver dams and beaver dam analogues to improve the quantity and quality of Coho salmon rearing habitat in the Scott River and its tributaries. The purpose of the Project is to create deep, slow-water pools to enhance summer rearing and overwintering habitat for juvenile Coho salmon. The Project will create such habitat by reinforcing existing beaver dams and constructing beaver dam analogues. The Project involves installation of postlines, long willow branches or similar material and cobbles along the postline to create structure that is semi-permeable to flow and allowing fish passage. Project totals of temporarily impacted area approximate 1.25 acres and 400 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 beginning in July 2014 through December 2015.

Receiving Water:	Scott River, Sugar Creek, French Creek Klamath River Hydrologic Unit 105.42, Scott River Hydrologic Sub-Area
Filled / Excavated Area:	Permanent Area Impacted: None Temporary Area Impacted: 1.25 acres river bed
Total Linear Impacts:	Length Permanently Impacted: None Length Temporarily Impacted: 400 Linear feet river bed
Fill Volume:	None
Latitude/Longitude:	Site 1 latitude 41.630481° N / longitude 122.918066° W, Site 2 latitude 41.475118° N / longitude 122.849220° W, Site 3 latitude 41.415746° N / longitude 122.848108° W, Site 4 latitude 41.402523° N / longitude 122.467483° W, Site 5 latitude 41.342074° N / longitude 122.823892° 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. Regional Water Board staff have reviewed and approved the *Juvenile Habitat Enhancement through Beaver Dams Monitoring Plan* submitted on June 9, 2014. As per the monitoring plan, reports will be submitted annually beginning in December 2015 through December 2019. The final monitoring report can act as a Notice of Completion (NOC) to be submitted by the applicant no later than 30 days after the project has been completed. A complete NOC includes as a minimum: photographs with a descriptive title, the date the photograph was taken, the name of the

photographic site, the WDID number and ECM PIN number indicated above and success criteria for the project. 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, WDID number and ECM PIN number with all future inquiries and document submittals. Document submittals shall be made electronically to:

NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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

Sincerely,

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

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