
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 9, 2014

Mr. Andrew Bundschuh
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Dear Mr. Bundschuh:

Subject: Notice of Applicability for Coverage under the General 401 Water Quality Certification for County Road Management and Activities Conducted Under the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program

File: HU – Peugh Road Maintenance Activities
WDID No. 1B14039WNHU

On May 6, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board received the request for General 401 Water Quality Certification for the Peugh Road Maintenance Activities Project (Project).

On July 1, 2013, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received the county of Humboldt's Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage of county road maintenance and activities under, the *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification for County Road Management and Activities Conducted Under the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program In the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou, and Trinity In the North Coast Region* (5C Waiver), Order No. R1-2013-0004. County road projects covered under the 5C Waiver that are required to obtain federal Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permitting, are eligible to receive General 401 Water Quality Certification without undergoing a project CEQA analysis.

Project Purpose and Description (excerpted from Project Description in application):

The Project is located on Peugh Road (Ferndale Hydrologic Sub-Area No. 1111.11) just east of Loleta, in Humboldt County, California. The purpose of the Project is to repair the existing asphalt road surface by installing a new layer of asphalt grindings; prevent erosion of the embankment by adding adequate rock dissipation at all existing ditch relief culverts; potentially add a new ditch relief culvert to help reduce flooding; and repair a slipout that occurred during storm events in 2012, the toe of which has sloughed off into an unnamed drainage. Activities also include the removal of sediment, vegetation and debris at the inlet and outlet of one culvert, and cleaning an existing grass-lined ditch along the inboard length of the roadway.

Receiving Water: Ferndale Hydrologic Sub-Area, 1111.11

Total Filled or Excavated Area:

- Area Temporarily Impacted: 330 ft²
 - 50 ft² of wetland associated with culvert inlet/outlet cleaning
 - 60 ft² of streambed (OHWM and below) associated with slipout stabilization
 - 220 ft² of stream channel/bank (above OHWM) associated with slipout stabilization
- Area Permanently Impacted: No permanent impacts

Total Linear Impacts:

- Length Temporarily Impacted:
 - 15 linear feet of wetland associated with culvert inlet/outlet cleaning
 - 20 linear feet of streambed (both above and below OHWM) associated with slipout stabilization
- Length Permanently Impacted: No permanent impacts

Total Fill Volume:

- 10 yd³ rip-rap associated with culvert inlet/outlet cleaning
- 10 yd³ rip-rap associated with slipout stabilization

Latitude/Longitude: 40.6390364N/124.2185313W

Regional Water Board staff has reviewed the Project and determined that it meets the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Water Quality Certification contained within the 5C Waiver. Please be advised that the 5C Waiver requires that BMP implementation and effectiveness monitoring reports be conducted to document the achievement of performance standards and project goals. In addition, a Notice of Completion (NOC) must be submitted no later than 30 days after project completion. Please include the project name and the WDID number with all future inquiries and document submittals.

Please contact Maggie Robinson at Maggie.Robinson@waterboards.ca.gov or (707) 576-2292, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by David Leland for

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

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