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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 1, 2014

Ms. Julie Neander  
City of Arcata  
736 F Street  
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Ms. Neander:

**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 SB12006GN

**File:** Fickle Hill Creek Restoration Project  
WDID No. 1B09050WNHU, ECM PIN CW-736722

On July 22, 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 for the Fickle Hill Creek Restoration Project (Project). The Project is located on Fickle Hill Creek within the Eureka Plain Hydrologic Unit No. 110.00. The Project site is located on Fickle Hill Creek south of Old Arcata Road, Humboldt County, California. Coordinates of the Project site are latitude 40.857651°N, and longitude 124.075622°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 (General 401 Order).

### Project Purpose and Description:

The purpose of the Project is to install two bridges that replace culverts removed from the channel, enhancing fish passage and aquatic habitat. Additionally, the project will include installation of livestock exclusionary fencing to protect riparian areas, providing defined bridge crossings, as well as planting of native trees and shrubs to enhance the streamside riparian area. Project impacts are approximately 320 square feet of riparian wetlands

adjacent to the channel. The Project shall be constructed and maintained as described within application materials. The Project is expected to be implemented during the summer and fall of 2014 when the project reach is dry.

Receiving Water: Fickle Hill Creek  
Eureka Plain Hydrologic Unit No. 110.00

Filled / Excavated Area: Permanent Area Impacted: 320 square feet  
Temporary Area Impacted: None

Latitude/Longitude: 40.857651°N, 124.075622°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 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](mailto: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,

Original Signed By

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