
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 18, 2014

Mr. Michael Wilt
1706 Newell Ave.
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Dear Mr. Wilt:

Subject: Notice of Applicability (NOA) for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Water Quality Order 2004-0004-DWQ for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction

File: Lands of Wilt Russian River Bank Bioengineering and Revegetation Project; WDID 14056WNSO; ECM PIN CW-806866

On June 6, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received your application for water quality certification and/or waste discharge requirements for dredge and fill projects for the Lands of Wilt Russian River Bank Bioengineering and Revegetation Project (project). Regional Water Board staff has determined that the project is eligible to obtain cover under the State Water Resources Control Water Quality Order 2004-0004-DWQ for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction (General WDR).

The project is located at 15170 Drake Road in Guerneville in the Lower Russian River Hydrologic Area (114.11). The purpose of the project is to stabilize 110 lineal feet of continually eroding bank with the use of vegetated stabilization measures. The design includes the grading or sloping of the bank to a 2:1 slope, installing bioengineering measures which include live willow brush layering and willow stakes from the lower to mid portion of the bank and riparian revegetation planting from the mid to upper portion of the bank.

The temporary impact is estimated to be approximately 2,500 square feet (0.06 acres), and 110 linear feet of river bank, of which 3,500 square feet (0.08 acres) will be replanted and

restored. The project will excavate and slope back the existing 20 feet high near vertical bank to a slope of 2:1. Approximately 365 cubic yards bank material will be excavated with a portion placed on site and a portion off hauled from the site. The project shall be constructed and maintained as described within application materials.

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the project, as described in the application, is categorically exempt from CEQA review (section 15333 (d)5: small habitat restoration projects). The applicant has verified that a Clean Water Act, section 404 authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers is not required.

Receiving Water: Lower Russian River (114.11)

Permanent Area Impacted: None

Temporary Area Impacted: 0.06 acres; 110 linear feet

Fill Volume: None

Latitude/Longitude: 38°5025N / 122.9925°W

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General WDR and you should familiarize yourself with its provisions. Please call Kaete King at (707) 576-2848 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: State Water Resources Control Water Quality Order 2004-0004-DWQ for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction can be found here: www.waterboards.ca.gov/board.../2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf

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