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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 21, 2014

Mr. Marvin Manor  
PO Box 652  
Trinidad, CA 95570

Dear Mr. Manor,

**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:** Salmon River Pond Restoration and Upland Thinning Project  
WDID No. 1A14067WNSI, ECM PIN No. CW-807647

On July 11, 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 Salmon River Pond Restoration and Upland Thinning Project (Project). The Project is located on the Salmon River, Klamath River Hydrologic Unit 105.21, Lower Salmon Hydrologic Sub-Area. The Project sites are across the Salmon River from the US Forest Service Oak Bottom Campground in Siskiyou County, California. Coordinates of the Project are latitude 41.3727° N, and longitude 123.4534° 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 restore an existing wetland that has become filled sediment and encroached by invasive blackberries. During high flows on the Salmon River this excess sediment is released into the Salmon River. The Project involves excavating excess sediment and re-creating approximately 1.1 acre or emergent wetland and open water habitats. Additionally, the Project will include creating a catch basin just upland of the wetland area to catch excess sediment before entering the wetland. Temporary impacts are proposed for approximately 1.1 acres of wetlands, waters of the US. No Permanent impacts to waters of the US are proposed. 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 October 2014 - 2016.

Receiving Water: Salmon River  
Klamath River Hydrologic Unit 105.21, Lower Salmon  
Hydrologic Sub-Area

Filled / Excavated Area: Permanent Area Impacted: None  
Temporary Area Impacted: 1.1 acres wetlands

Latitude/Longitude: 41.3727° N / 123.4534° 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. As per the NOI monitoring plan, reports will be submitted on September 28, 2015 and 2016. A Notice of Completion (NOC) shall be submitted by the applicant no later than 30 days after the project construction 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/generalorders/shrpcert032713.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/shrpcert032713.pdf)

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