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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 19, 2014

Ms. Rebecca Howard  
16824 Hart Street  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Dear Ms. Howard:

**Subject:** Notice of Applicability (NOA) for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for US Army Corps of Engineers 2012 Certified Nationwide Permits.

**File:** Rebecca Howard Consent Restoration Order Restoration Plan Project  
WDID No. 1B14100WNHU, CW-810047

On October 20, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a 2012 Certified Nationwide Permit Notification Form, Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for 2012 Nationwide Permits (General 401 Order) for the Rebecca Howard Consent Restoration Order Restoration Plan Project (Project).

The Project is located on the Mad River Hydrologic Unit 109.10. The Project impacts to wetlands and waters of the US are located at approximately latitude 40.9371 ° N, and longitude 124.128 ° W.

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, is categorically exempt from CEQA review (section 15321 (a) – Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies) and meets the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for 2012 Certified Nationwide Permits. On October 1, 2014, the applicant obtained regulatory coverage from the US Army corps of Engineers under the Department of the Army Nationwide Permit No. 32 *Completed Enforcement Actions*.

Project Purpose and Description:

The primary purpose of the Project is to remove rip-rap and debris illegally placed along the Mad River bank and restore the area to pre-development conditions in accordance with enforcement orders (CCC-13-RO-05, CCC-13-CD-05) issued by the California Coastal Commission. The Project includes the removal of approximately 355 cubic yards of rip-rap and debris placed on the Mad River bank, removal of invasive *Spartina* (cord grass) and restoration of the bank slope and native vegetation as well as maintaining appropriate sediment and erosion control during the process.

The Project impacts include temporary impacts to approximately 145 linear feet of river bank and brackish wetlands, waters of the US. The Project shall be implemented and maintained as described within application materials. The Project is expected to begin during the summer and fall of 2014. The Applicant shall implement the *Rebecca Howard Property Restoration Plan* submitted on October 10, 2014, by Randy Lew of Pacific Watershed Associates on behalf of the applicant Rebecca Howard.

Receiving Water:	Mad River Mad River Hydrologic Unit 109.10
Filled Excavated Area:	Permanent Area Impacted: None Temporary Area Impacted: 0.033 acres
Total Linear Impacts:	Length Permanently Impacted: None Length Temporarily Impacted: 145 linear feet
Fill Volume:	355 cubic yards rip-rap and debris
Latitude/Longitude:	40.9371 ° N / 124.128 ° W

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General 401 Order.

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

Sincerely,

*Original signed by Shin-Roei Lee for*

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Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer

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**Weblink:** The State Water Resources Control Board the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for 2012 Nationwide Permits can be found here:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp\\_401.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp_401.pdf)

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