
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 2, 2015

In the Matter of Water Quality Certification

for the

Sonoma County Regional Parks, Bodega Bay Boat Launch Facilities Improvement WDID 1B13046WNSO

APPLICANT: Mark Cleveland, Sonoma County Regional Parks
RECEIVING WATER: Bodega Harbor
HYDROLOGIC UNIT: Bodega Harbor (115.22)
COUNTY: Sonoma
FILE NAME: Sonoma County Regional Parks, Bodega Bay Boat Launch Facilities Improvement; WDID 1B13046WNSO; ECM PIN CW-793792

BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

1. On April 24, 2013, Mark Cleveland, Sonoma County Regional Parks (applicant) filed an application for water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for activities associated with the Sonoma County Regional Parks, Bodega Bay Boat Launch Facilities Improvement Project (project). The project is located at 2400 Westshore Road (Westside Regional Park) and at 201 Doran Beach Road (Doran Regional Park). The application was deemed complete on July 29, 2015.
2. The Regional Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 3858 on July 29, 2015, and posted information describing the project on the Regional Water Board's website. Comments were received from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and were

incorporated into conditions of this certification and into the final *Eelgrass Mitigation and Monitoring Plan*, submitted on September 29, 2015.

3. The purpose of the project is to provide improved access, amenities, and safety, at boat launching facilities in Bodega Bay at Doran and Westside Regional Parks. At Westside Regional Park, the project will involve expanding the boat ramp to three lanes, repairing scour at the bottom of the ramp surface, replacing piles and boarding floats, resurfacing the parking area, upgrading the boat wash-down and fish cleaning area, and installing a new concrete trail and picnic tables. At Doran Regional Park, the project involves resurfacing the boat ramp, replacing piles and boarding floats, moving the boat wash-down, repairing and upgrading the fish cleaning station, and resurfacing and expanding the paved parking area.
4. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 242 square feet. Temporary impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 0.05 acre with a dredge volume of 1,300 cubic yards.
5. The project is expected to begin at Westside Regional Park in October 2015. The timing of work at Doran Regional Park has not yet been determined.
6. Compensatory mitigation for the project includes the creation of 500 square feet of tidal mudflat. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. Low impact development features will be used to retain and treat stormwater runoff.
7. The Applicant has received Clean Water Act section 404 authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers under Nationwide Permit Numbers 25-Structural Discharges, 35-Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins, and 36-Boat Ramps and under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. The applicant has also applied for a permit from the California Coastal Commission.
8. On March 26, 2013, Sonoma County Regional Parks approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH 20122092001) for the project in order to comply with CEQA. The Regional Water Board has considered the environmental document, BMPs, and any proposed changes incorporated into the project or required as a condition of approval to avoid significant effects to the environment.
9. The federal antidegradation policy requires that state water quality standards include an antidegradation policy consistent with the federal policy. The State Water Board established California's antidegradation policy in State Water Board Resolution 68-16, which incorporates the federal antidegradation policy where the federal policy applies under federal law. Resolution 68-16 requires that existing high quality waters be maintained unless degradation is justified under specific provisions. The Regional Water Board's Basin Plan implements, and incorporates by reference, both the state

and federal antidegradation policies. This Certification is consistent with applicable federal and state antidegradation policies, as it does not authorize degradation of the waters.

10. This discharge is also regulated under State Water Board Order 2003-0017-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredge and Fill Discharges that have Received State Water Quality Certification*, which requires compliance with all conditions of this water quality certification.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0017.pdf

Receiving Water:	Bodega Harbor (115.22)
Filled or Excavated Area:	242 square feet permanent 0.05 acre temporary
Linear Impacts:	170 linear feet
Dredge Volume:	1,300 cubic yards
Latitude/Longitude:	38.310°N/123.054°W and 38.323°N/ 123.055°W

Accordingly, based on its independent review of the record, the Regional Water Board certifies that the Sonoma County Regional Parks, Bodega Bay Boat Launch Facilities Improvement Project (WDID 1B13046WNSO), as described in the application, will comply with sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, and with applicable provisions of state law, provided that the applicant complies with the following terms and conditions:

All conditions of this Certification apply to the applicant (and all their employees) and all contractors (and their employees), sub-contractors (and their employees), and any other entity or agency that performs activities or work on the project as related to this water quality certification.

1. The applicant shall comply with the *Low Impact Development (LID) Features Maintenance Plan*, submitted on June 18, 2015.
2. The applicant shall comply with the 500-square-foot Mud Flat Mitigation, as detailed in the 100% design plans for Westside Regional Park.
3. The applicant shall comply with the *Eelgrass Mitigation and Monitoring Plan*, submitted on September 29, 2015.

4. The preconstruction eelgrass survey at Westside Regional Park shall be conducted within 60 days of the beginning of construction and shall be completed within the active eelgrass growing period (May through September). The preconstruction survey shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board within 30 days of completion of the survey and no later than 15 days prior to in-water construction activities. The preconstruction survey shall include an eelgrass habitat distribution map prepared on a bathymetric chart with contour intervals of no greater than 1 foot and shall include the entire project area shown in the 100% construction drawings, immediately adjacent areas within 100 feet, and the reference site.
5. The postconstruction eelgrass survey at Westside Regional Park shall be conducted within one month after the conclusion of construction if construction ends in the active growing season or within the first 30 days of the next growing season. The postconstruction survey shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board within 30 days of completion of the survey. The survey shall determine if adverse impacts on eelgrass occurred as a result of project implementation. If there have been adverse impacts on eelgrass, a specific mitigation plan must be submitted with the postconstruction survey. The specific mitigation plan would include the size, location, and method of the mitigation.
6. Final plans have not yet been developed and funding has not yet been acquired for in-water work at Doran Regional Park. At least 60 days prior to expected construction, maps shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board for review and approval, which show the in-water construction area, the 100-foot buffer area, the location of the transects in which the eelgrass surveys will occur, and the appropriate reference site.
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9. Annual project progress reports shall be submitted describing status of BMP implementation and compliance with all requirements of this certification prior to January 31, of each year following the issuance of this certification (even if no work has commenced), until the project has reached completion. The report must include the following information:
 - a. The name and WDID number of the project;
 - b. The names, qualifications, and affiliations of the persons contributing to the report;
 - c. The status, progress, and anticipated schedule for completion of project construction activities including the installation and operational status of construction storm water best management practices for and the implementation and success of required mitigation;
 - d. A description of project construction delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the schedule for construction completion;
 - e. A description of each incident of noncompliance during the annual monitoring period and its cause, the period of the noncompliance including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.
 - f. A summary demonstrating the success of the mudflat mitigation for 5 years. Photo points shall be established for high and low tide photos to be taken before and immediately after construction and at least 1 year, 3 years, and 5 years post construction, but preferably annually. Visual observations shall be made and discussed of the texture of the substrate at low tide. Mitigation will be considered successful if the area is inundated at high tide, exposed at low tide, and has a silty composition.
 - g. The total of actual volume dredged after the dredging has occurred.
10. The mitigation measures detailed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH 20122092001) are hereby incorporated by reference and are conditions of approval of this certification. Notwithstanding any more specific conditions in this certification, the applicant shall comply with all mitigation measures identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration that are within the Regional Water Board's jurisdiction.
11. This certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Water Code section 13330 and title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 3867.
12. This certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any discharge from any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the

pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 3855, subdivision (b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.

13. The validity of this certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 3833, and owed by the applicant. A complete fee of \$2,879 was received for this project on April 24, 2013.
14. This certification will be subject to annual billing during the construction phase ("Annual Active Discharge Fee") and during the monitoring phase of the project ("Annual Post Discharge Monitoring Fee"), per the current fee schedule, which can be found on our website:
http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/water_quality_certification.shtml These fees will be automatically invoiced to the applicant.
15. The applicant must notify the Regional Water Board of the end of the construction phase of the project in order to request the Regional Water Board to terminate annual construction period billing and to receive a "Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter". If the project is subject to annual monitoring fees, the applicant must also notify the Regional Water Board at the end of the monitoring period in order to request to terminate annual monitoring period billing and receive a "Notice of Project Complete Letter". Completion reports may be necessary to be submitted by applicant at the end of each of these phases. Regional Water Board staff may request site visits at the end of each phase of the project to confirm status of project and compliance with this Certification.
16. Regional Water Board staff shall be notified in writing at least five working days prior to the commencement of ground disturbing activities, with details regarding the construction schedule, in order to allow staff to be present onsite during construction, and to answer any public inquiries that may arise regarding the project.
17. No debris, soil, silt, sand, bar, slash, sawdust, cement or concrete washings, oil or petroleum products, or other organic or earthen material from any construction or associated activity of whatever nature, other than that authorized by this Certification, shall be allowed to enter into or be placed where it may be washed by rainfall into waters of the state. When operations are completed, any excess material or debris shall be removed from the work area.
18. All activities and best management practices (BMPs) shall be implemented according to the submitted application and the conditions in this certification. BMPs for erosion, sediment, and turbidity control shall be implemented and in place at commencement of, during, and after any ground clearing activities or any other project activities that could result in erosion or sediment discharges to surface water.

19. In accordance with state and federal laws and regulations, the applicant is liable and responsible for the proper disposal for project-generated waste. When handling, transporting, and disposing of project-generated waste, the applicant and their contractors shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. When disposing of project-generated waste offsite, the applicant and its contractors shall:
 - a. Make appropriate arrangements to dispose of the material, including, but not limited to, property owner agreements, permits, licenses, and environmental clearances;
 - b. Obtain satisfactory evidence that the work in 19.a has been completed; and
 - c. Obtain a dated, signed manifest from the disposal site owner, or authorized representative, that identifies the type and quantity of disposed waste.

20. Only wildlife-friendly, 100 percent biodegradable erosion and sediment control products that will not entrap or harm wildlife shall be used. Erosion and sediment control products shall not contain synthetic (e.g., plastic or nylon) netting. Photodegradable synthetic products are not considered biodegradable. The applicant shall request approval from the Regional Water Board if an exception from this requirement is needed for a specific location.

21. Disturbance or removal of existing vegetation as detailed within the application shall not exceed the minimum necessary to complete the project.

22. If, at any time, an unauthorized discharge to surface water (including wetlands, lakes, rivers, or streams) occurs, or any water quality problem arises, the associated project activities shall cease immediately until adequate BMPs are implemented including stopping work. The Regional Water Board shall be notified promptly and in no case more than 24 hours after the unauthorized discharge or water quality problem arises.

23. Fueling, lubrication, maintenance, storage, and staging of vehicles and equipment shall not result in a discharge or threatened discharge to any waters of the state including dry portions of Bodega Harbor. At no time shall the applicant or its contractors allow use of any vehicle or equipment that leaks any substance that may impact water quality.

24. Prior to implementing any change to the project that may have a significant or material effect on the findings, conclusions, or conditions of this Certification, the applicant shall obtain the written approval of the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. If the Regional Water Board is not notified of a significant alteration to the project, it will be considered a violation of this Certification, and the applicant may be subject to Regional Water Board enforcement actions.

25. The Regional Water Board may add to or modify the conditions of this Certification, as appropriate, to implement any new or revised water quality standards and implementation plans adopted and approved pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act or section 303 of the Clean Water Act.
26. The applicant shall provide Regional Water Board staff access to the project site to document compliance with this certification.
27. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Certification, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process or sanctions as provided for under applicable state or federal law. For the purposes of section 401 (d) of the Clean Water Act, the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, process or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Certification. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this certification, the Regional Water Board may require the holder of any federal permit or license subject to this Certification to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Regional Water Board deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In response to any violation of the conditions of this Certification, the Regional Water Board may add to or modify the conditions of this Certification as appropriate to ensure compliance pursuant to Section 13267 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.
28. The applicant shall provide a copy of this Certification and State Water Board Order 2003-0017-DWQ to any contractor(s), subcontractor(s), and utility company(ies) conducting work on the project, and shall require that copies remain in their possession at the work site. The applicant shall be responsible for ensuring that all work conducted by its contractor(s), subcontractor(s), and utility companies is performed in accordance with the information provided by the applicant to the Regional Water Board.
29. In the event of any change in control of ownership of land presently owned or controlled by the Applicant, the Applicant shall notify the successor-in-interest of the existence of this Certification by letter and shall email a copy of the letter to the Regional Water Board at the following email address: NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov.

To discharge dredged or fill material under this Certification, the successor-in-interest must email the Regional Water Board Executive Officer at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov a request for transfer of the Certification. The request must contain the requesting entity's full legal name, the state of incorporation if a corporation, and the address and telephone number of the person(s) responsible for contact with the Regional Water Board.

The request must also describe any changes to the Project proposed by the successor-in-interest or confirm that the successor-in-interest intends to implement the Project as described in this Certification. Except as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all certification actions are contingent on: a) the discharge being limited to and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the Applicant's Project description, and b) compliance with all applicable requirements of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan).

30. Except as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all certification actions are contingent on a) the discharge being limited to and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the applicant's project description, and b) compliance with all applicable requirements of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan).
31. The authorization of this certification for any dredge and fill activities expires on October 2, 2020. Conditions and monitoring requirements outlined in this Certification are not subject to the expiration date outlined above, and remain in full effect and are enforceable until Regional Water Board staff deems the project complete.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 or Kaete King at (707) 576-2848.

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