
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 4, 2016

California Department of Transportation
Attn: Mr. Frank Demling
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Mr. Demling:

Subject: Amendment to the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401, Water Quality Certification for the Mendocino County Culvert Rehabilitation Project

Files: CDOT HWY 101 Mendocino Culvert Rehabilitation Project
ECM PIN CW- 756174, WDID No. 1B10092WNME
Caltrans EA No. 01-40280

On March 3, 2016, we received your email requesting an amendment to the April 2, 2012, Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) for the Mendocino Culvert Rehabilitation Project (Project).

In response to your request, this letter serves as an amendment to Finding 5, Condition 24, and Condition 29 of the certification, modifying the project description, as outlined below:

Finding 5: All project activities will only be conducted between May 15 and October 15 and are anticipated to take 80 days to complete. Work within waters of the U.S will only be conducted between June 15 and October 15. Caltrans' contractor will be required to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) for construction and post-construction phases of the project to provide erosion and sediment control and pollution prevention throughout the project area. All graded areas within the project affected by the construction activities will be appropriately stabilized and BMPs will be implemented to ensure erosion and potential pollution is minimized and controlled.

Condition 24: Caltrans shall perform on-site and off-site mitigation actions in accordance with the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan Summary, dated April 2010. Compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts consists of enhancing 0.063 acre of riparian woodland along Long Valley Creek and 0.044 acre of upland buffer. On-site impacts to 0.042 acres wetlands shall be restored immediately after construction. As-built plans shall be developed for all the mitigation sites (temporary and permanent) within 30-days following their construction. In addition, Caltrans shall construct weirs and improve fish passage and enhance fish habitat condition and connectivity within Ten Mile Creek adjacent to the crossing at Highway 101(PM 66.50). The off-site mitigation actions and fish passage project shall be completed by November 2017; annual mitigation reports are due annually on December 31, with the first report due December 31, 2018.

Condition 29: The authorization of this certification for any dredge and fill activities expires on November 30, 2017. Conditions and monitoring requirements outlined in this Order are not subject to the expiration date outlined above, and remain in full effect and are enforceable.

I hereby issue an amendment to the project description in Finding 5, Condition 24, and Condition 29 of the certification for the Mendocino Culvert Rehabilitation Project (WDID No. 1B10092WNME) certifying that the remainder of the Water Quality Certification sections of the April 2, 2012, Order are still valid.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Brandon Stevens at (707) 576-2377 or at Brandon.Stevens@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer