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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 19, 2016

City of Ferndale  
Attn: Mr. Stephen Avis  
P.O. Box 1095  
Ferndale, CA 95536

Dear Mr. Avis:

**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 – City of Ferndale – Francis Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project

**File:** Francis Creek Pedestrian Bridge; WDID No. 1B16951WNHU; ECM PIN CW-826052

On June 9, 2016, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a *Notice of Intent to Comply with the Terms of Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction (General WDRs), State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ*, for the Francis Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project (Project) from the City of Ferndale (Applicant).

The Project is located within the Ferndale Hydrologic Subarea of the Eel River Hydrologic Unit, at approximate latitude/longitude 40.574252, -124.266307<sup>1</sup>, in the City of Ferndale, Humboldt County. The purpose of the Project is to provide safe pedestrian access between the 100 block of Francis Street to Fireman's Park and the Ferndale Community Center. The Project involves pouring concrete footings five feet or more above the Francis Creek top of bank. A 58-foot-long, 8-foot wide steel bridge would be fastened to the concrete footings. No trees would be removed, although trimming of an existing alder would occur to accommodate the bridge. Project implementation would last no more than thirty days and occur between August 15, 2016, and July 31, 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> WGS84 datum

The Applicant has verified that the Project does not require a Clean Water Act section 404 authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The Project shall be constructed as described within the NOI.

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General WDRs. The City of Ferndale is required to comply with the provisions of the General WDRs.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Brendan Thompson at (707) 576-2699 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653.

Sincerely,

Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer

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[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov//board decisions/adopted orders/water quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov//board%20decisions/adopted%20orders/water%20quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf)