
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 12, 2016

Ms. Sarah Beesley
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Dear Ms. Beesley:

Subject: Notice of Applicability (NOA) for coverage under the Waste Discharge Requirements and General 401 Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Green Diamond Management Activities Conducted Within the Area Covered by its Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan in the North Coast Region (Order No. R1-2012-0087)

File: West Fork Blue Creek Instream & Riparian Restoration Project: Phase 1; WDID No.: 1A16963WNDN; ECM No.: CW-826316

On July 8, 2016, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application package requesting coverage under the *General 401 Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Green Diamond Management Activities Conducted Within the Area Covered by its Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan in the North Coast Region* (Green Diamond WDRs and General 401 Certification) for the West Fork Blue Creek Instream & Riparian Restoration Project: Phase 1 (Project).

The Project is located within West Fork Blue Creek, in the Klamath River watershed, Del Norte County. The Project objective is to improve salmonid spawning and rearing conditions through the installation of constructed wood jams and native tree plantings. This Project will contribute to the larger goal to restore Blue Creek as a salmon sanctuary.

Wood jams would be installed in the 2017 dry season before October 31 and tree planting would occur the following December. No work would occur in the wetted portion of the creek channel.

Approximately 390 linear feet of stream bank would be temporarily impacted by the placement of constructed wood jams, and 100 linear feet of riparian vegetation would be impacted for construction access.

Receiving Water: West Fork Blue Creek
Klamath Glen, Lower Klamath River Hydrologic Area, Basin
Planning Area No. 105.11

Permanent Impacts: None

Temporary Impacts: 390 linear feet of West Fork Blue Creek; 100 linear feet of
riparian vegetation for construction access

Latitude/Longitude: 41.468, -123.898¹

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed Project meets the eligibility requirements for coverage under the Green Diamond WDRs and General 401 Certification.

The West Fork Blue Creek Instream & Riparian Restoration Project: Phase 1, WDID No. 1A16963WNDN, is subject to the requirements of the Green Diamond WDRs and General 401 Certification, Order No. R1-2012-0087. The Applicant shall conduct Project monitoring and reporting as detailed in the application.

Please contact Brendan Thompson at (707) 576-2699, or at Brendan.Thompson@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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¹ WGS 84 datum