
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 19, 2016

Ms. Anna Halligan
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Dear Ms. Halligan:

Subject: Amendment to the Notice of Applicability for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects SB12006GN for the **South Fork Ten Mile River Stream Habitat Enhancement and Augmentation Project**

File: **South Fork Ten Mile River Stream Habitat Enhancement and Augmentation Project; ECM PIN CW-815687; WDID No. 1B15061WNME**

On September 15, 2016, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (North Coast Water Board) received your request to amend the August 4, 2015, Notice of Applicability (NOA) for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (SHRP) SB12006GN for the South Fork Ten Mile River Stream Habitat Enhancement and Augmentation Project (Project).

The purpose of the request is to allow for the introduction of three additional whole trees into the South Fork Ten Mile in Mendocino County. The original Project requested authorization to introduce ten near-stream, whole trees into state waters to improve instream habitat complexity for anadromous salmonids.

During the week of September 12, 2016, heavy equipment was used to partially excavate the surrounding substrate around ten standing conifer trees in advance of pushing the trees over towards the stream. Following recruitment, some of the trees were adjusted to wedge them into specific locations or orient them in a way to maximize interaction with the stream.

You informed North Coast Water Board staff that the Project was implemented efficiently and expediently, and that site conditions following implementation were appropriately stabilized following ground disturbance. All exposed soils were treated with onsite slash and native materials, or weed-free straw to minimize potential discharges to waters of the state during future winter storm periods. As a result, additional resources are available to incorporate a few additional trees that were identified during Project implementation.

The original NOA for the Project allowed estimated the total project size as 2.74 acres and 452.3 linear feet. The addition of three additional trees is estimated to result in a total project size of 2.84 acres and 484.3 linear, although actual implementation of the Project has resulted in a smaller acreage and linear feet footprint than estimated. The requested inclusion of the additional trees still meets the project size limited allowed under the SHRP Order (≤ 5 acres and 500 linear feet).

In response to your request, this letter serves as an amendment to the approved project description proposed in the Notice of Intent (NOI), allowing a modification of the project description as proposed. Please be aware that you are required to adhere to all of the environmental protection and species impact avoidance measures detailed in your original Notice of Intent and the attached Notice of Applicability.

I hereby issue an amendment to the project description of the NOA for the **South Fork Ten Mile River Stream Habitat Enhancement and Augmentation Project; ECM PIN CW-815687; WDID No. 1B15061WNME** certifying that the remainder of the Water Quality Certification sections of the August 4, 2015 Order are still valid.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jonathan Warmerdam at (707) 576-2468.

Sincerely,

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer