

April 2, 2014

**Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**

Elm Tree Station Project  
WDID 1B14016WNSO

Sonoma County

On February 26, 2014, the North Coast Regional water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Mangal Dhillon (applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for activities associated with the Elm Tree Station Project (project). The proposed project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with seasonal wetlands in the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed, tributary to the Russian River (114.21). The project is located at 874 North Wright Road, Santa Rosa, California, at latitude 38.426211°N and longitude 122.768578°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 0.22 acres to seasonal wetlands.

The purpose of the project is to subdivide the approximately 0.98 acre parcel into two parcels. Parcel 1 is to be developed with a fueling station and market. Parcel 2 is to become a park and picnic area with connection to the adjacent Joe Rodota trail. Seasonal wetlands on the site encompass 0.22 acres consisting of a ditch, two depressions, and a channel leading to a culvert on the southwestern corner of the site. All of the 0.22 acres of wetlands would be filled as a part of this project.

The applicant has purchased 0.45 acres of wetland bank credits to mitigate for the permanent loss of wetlands on site (a compensation to impact ratio of approximately 2:1). The project is expected to begin in May of 2014, and last 36 months, with no project activities occurring during the wet season months of October 15-May 15.

The applicant has received United States Army Corps of Engineers authorization under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is processing a consistency determination to provide incidental take coverage for impacts to species protected under the California Endangered Species Act.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Santa Rosa, acting as lead agency, adopted a mitigated negative declaration for the project (SCH 2013092008). A notice of determination was filed with the state clearinghouse on October 4, 2013.

The information contained in this public notice is only a summary of the applicant's proposed activities. The application for Water Quality Certification in the Regional Water

Board's file contains additional details about the proposed project including maps and photos. The application and Regional Water Board file are available for public review.

Regional Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter Cologne-Water Quality Control Act authority. Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact staff member Kaete King at (707) 576-2848 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653.

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