

April 18, 2014

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

**Humboldt Community Services District Artino Slide & Culvert Repair
WDID No. 1B13158WNHU**

Humboldt County

On December 27, 2013, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Clyde and Josephine Terry (Applicant), submitted by Mickey Hulstrom, District Planner, Humboldt Community Services District (CSD) (Agent), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Humboldt CSD Artino Slide & Culvert Repair Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with the Eureka Plain Hydrologic Unit No. 110.00. The Project site is located at approximately 5021 Meyers Avenue, Eureka, CA, latitude 40.761325°N, and longitude 124.175944°W. No permanent impacts to waters of the State are proposed. Temporary impacts to waters of the State include approximately 12 linear feet of channel associated with an unnamed tributary to Martin Slough.

The primary purpose of the Project is to replace a failing 12" culvert drainage pipe with the same diameter drainage pipe within the same impact footprint. The Project includes, grading and rocking the culvert top of bank site, installing a 24" square drainage inlet, installing approximately 90, ½ ton rocks as bank stabilization, hand installing 60 feet of HDPE pipe and connecting into the existing concrete drain outlet structure.

The proposed Project will have only temporary impacts to waters of the State. Compensatory Mitigation is not required. The applicant proposes to straw and seed any disturbed areas at the project site. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The Project is planned to take place between July and August 2014 for an estimated 5 days.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404. Additionally, the Applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2013-0345-R1).

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, 15301-Existing Facilities, and will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse concurrent with issuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

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. In addition, 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 Gil Falcone at (707) 576-2830 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.