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

Zane Holdings Driveway Culverts
WDID No. 1B14052WNSO

Sonoma County

On May 29, 2014, the North Coast Regional water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Zane Holdings, LLC (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 Zane Holdings Driveway Culverts (project). The proposed project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with unnamed tributaries to Dry Creek, a tributary to the Russian River (114.24). The project is located at 9722 Dry Creek Road, Geyserville, at latitude 38.720833°N and longitude 122.984167°W and at latitude 38.721111°N and longitude 122.9875°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 0.026 acres and 90 linear feet.

The purpose of the project is to widen and pave the existing driveways and install 3 culverts at existing ford stream crossings. The driveways will serve existing lots that will likely be developed with single family homes in the future. The project would involve the installation of three 42-inch diameter, smooth-bore, corrugated plastic pipe culverts. Each culvert will be approximately 30 feet long and will be buried so that the culvert inlet elevation is 12 inches below the stream flow line, allowing gravel to accumulate in the bottom.

The culvert installations will likely result in better long term water quality than the existing fords. As mitigation for permanent impacts at the culvert sites, the applicant will perform mitigation planting alongside one of the streams. The planting area will be approximately 300 feet long by 25 feet wide and include 20 coast live oak, 10 madrone, 10 Oregon ash, and a native erosion control seed mix. Deer fencing will be installed around the perimeter of the planting area. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. The project is expected to commence in the summer of 2014.

The applicant has applied for Clean Water Act Section 404 authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The applicant has also applied for a lake and streambed authorization agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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, 15303(d)-New Construction, and will file a Notice of Determination 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. 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 kaete.king@waterboards.ca.gov.