

August 7, 2014

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

**Chevron Eureka Terminal Repair Project
WDID No. 1B14050WNHU**

Humboldt County

On May 27, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the Scott Parsons, Chevron (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Chevron Eureka Terminal Repair Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the State associated Humboldt Bay within the Eureka Plain Hydrologic Unit No. 110.00. The Project is at 3400 Christie Street, Eureka, Humboldt County, at latitude 40.777956°N, and longitude 124.195984°W. No permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. and the State are proposed. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. and the State include approximately 300 square feet (0.007Acres) of Bay / Estuary.

The primary purpose of the Project is to repair or replace damaged components of the Chevron Terminal Dock to ensure regulatory compliance with California Code of Regulations Title 24 Part 2 Chapter 31F, Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standards.

The proposed Project would include replacing wood piles, bracing, decking and hardware above and below the water. As a result of ongoing comprehensive evaluation and inspection of the structure, damaged components have been identified and prioritized to address major and severe damage. Replacement piles will be the same size as existing pilings not increasing the permanent footprint on the bay floor. Temporary impacts of 300 square feet include impacts associated with removal and replacement of approximately 150 pilings over 5 years with an estimation of approximately 40 pilings replaced any single year. The portion of new pilings that will be in contact with bay water will be sealed with Specguard's Marine Grade Polyurea coating to ensure that wood preservatives do not degrade water quality.

The proposed Project includes a plan to avoid and minimize increased turbidity in the bay. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. The applicant proposes to set up containment structures for piles that are removed and installed.

The Project is planned to take place between approximately August 1 and October 31 each year from 2014 to 2019 with construction work planned to last approximately 2 months each year.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 permit. The Applicant has applied to the California Coastal Commission for regulatory permitting.

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, will issue a CEQA determination or exemption, to be filed with the State Clearinghouse.

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.