

September 25, 2014

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

Soiland Residential Driveway
WDID 1B14066WNSO

Sonoma County

On July 14, 2014, the North Coast Regional water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Troy Soiland (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 Soiland Residential Driveway Project (project). The proposed project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with an unnamed tributary to Rincon Creek, tributary to the Middle Russian River. The project is located at 4125 Wallace Road in Santa Rosa, at latitude 38.49777°N and longitude 122.687674°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 192 square feet or 82 linear feet.

The purpose of the project is to provide improved driveway access to a building pad for construction of a home in the future. The project consists of widening and re-grading an existing 8-9' wide gravel driveway beyond an existing bridge to meet Sonoma County standards for access to a future building site as part of a two lot subdivision. The driveway will be re-graded to a 14' wide gravel driveway for the first 125' beyond the existing bridge and a 10' wide concrete surface driveway with 2' shoulders to the proposed building site. The driveway width will increase at some turns and a fire safe turnout, with a maximum width of 20' at the turnout. An existing 21-foot long, 18-inch diameter culvert will be replaced and extended by a 91- foot long, 18-inch diameter culvert. Additionally, a roadside swale will be relocated.

Compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts to waters of the state will consist of planting 10 valley oaks along the widened driveway to establish additional riparian habitat and shade over the streambed. Four olive trees are also planned to be planted. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. Activities would not occur during the wet weather months of October 15 through May 15.

The applicant has applied for Clean Water Act Section 404 authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is not taking jurisdiction of the project.

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 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. 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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