

October 14, 2014

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

**Aresty Residential Driveway
WDID 1B14078WNSO**

Sonoma County

On August 12, 2014, the North Coast Regional water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Jeff Aresty (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 Aresty Residential Driveway (project). The proposed project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with an unnamed tributary to Dry Creek in the Middle Russian River Hydrologic Area. The project is located at 1339 West Dry Creek Road in Healdsburg, at latitude 38.619717°N and longitude 122.913903°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 108.25 square feet (0.002 acres) or 36.8 linear feet.

The purpose of the project is grading for a new driveway and building pad. The project will partially use old logging roads for access to future building sites. The 14-foot wide proposed driveway will be paved and will have 1-foot wide gravel shoulders. Two existing stream crossing culverts will be upgraded and 11 new cross-drain culverts will be installed. One of the cross-drain culverts will discharge to a stream and the others will discharge to the hillside. Grass-lined cutoff swales and back of retaining wall swales will be constructed to provide drainage for the new driveway.

Riparian tree plantings are proposed to mitigate for the impacts associated with the elongated culverts and rip rap armoring associated with the two upgraded stream crossing culverts. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. The project is expected to be implemented between May 15, 2015 and October 15, 2015.

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 Alteration 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 Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653.

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