

December 15, 2014

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

**Wormood Property - 135 Bean Avenue
WDID 1B14101WNSO**

Sonoma County

On November 9, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Eric Wormood (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 Wormood Property at 135 Bean Avenue Project (project). The proposed project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with Salmon Creek (115.10). The project is located at 135 Bean Ave. in Bodega Bay, at latitude 38.35147°N and longitude 123.06210°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 64 square feet of fill and excavation. Temporary impacts would be approximately 392 square feet.

The purpose of the project is to renovate and elevate the existing house, garage and deck outside of the flood zone. The project will involve installing a new perimeter foundation on Helical Piers, new cripple wall framing with proper FEMA flood zone venting and drainage, and renovating the existing home including bathroom, kitchen, heating, electrical and plumbing systems, replacing windows and doors, insulation, drywall, and flooring. The garage will be rebuilt to legal depth and height, replacing doors and windows, and new slab floor. All located rotten lumber in both structures will be replaced during renovation.

Mitigation for project impacts will involve the restoration of approximately 400 square feet of wetland area on the north east side of the property. The area will be restored through natural regeneration and the removal of weeds. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. Construction is expected to occur between May 15 and October 14, 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 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. 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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