

February 2, 2015

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

**Imwalle Gardens Subdivision Storm Drain Outfall Upgrade
WDID 1B14084WNSO**

Sonoma County

On August 26, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Aaron Matz, Manager, Imwalle Gardens, 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 Gardens Subdivision Storm Drain Outfall Upgrade (project). The proposed project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with Santa Rosa Creek, tributary to the Laguna de Santa Rosa and the middle Russian River (114.22). The project is located in Santa Rosa, at latitude 38.4359°N and longitude -122.7349°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 96 square feet. Temporary impacts would be approximately 221 square feet.

The purpose of the project is to upgrade an existing storm drain outfall to serve the new Imwalle Gardens Subdivision residential development. An existing 18-inch storm drain will be removed and replaced with a 24-inch drain in order to continue providing drainage along the creek trail and for connection to the Gardens project storm water system. Removal and replacement of compacted fill soils will be utilize equipment including backhoe, excavator, vibra-plate, and sheep's foot roller, and with hand/manual labor. A low impact development (LID) plan has been designed for the new development to treat and retain stormwater runoff.

A Riparian Enhancement Plan was designed to accommodate the Sonoma County Water Agency's stream management guidelines. Native riparian streamside and understory grasses and forbs will be planted to promote native vegetation along the stream that will not interfere with creek flow or other management. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. The project will take place outside of the wet season months of October 15-May 15 and is expected to last approximately 90 days.

The applicant has received Clean Water Act Section 404 authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (file number 2014-00408N). The applicant has also received a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

On November 18, 2008, the City of Santa Rosa, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, approved a mitigated negative declaration (SCH 2008102067) for the project.

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 notice 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.