

February 2, 2015

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

**Trinity DOT Wildwood Road Hayfork Bridge Project  
WDID No. 1A14095WNTR**

**Trinity County**

On September 26, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the Trinity County Department of Transportation, Richard Tippett (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Trinity DOT Wildwood Road Hayfork Creek Bridge (No. 05C-0086) Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the State associated with Hayfork Creek, Hall City Creek, and wetlands within the Trinity River Hydrologic Unit No. 106.25. The Project is located where Wildwood Road (County Road 302) crosses Hayfork Creek, Wildwood, Trinity County, at latitude 40.4008°N, and longitude 123.058°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 0.011 acres of wetlands and 41 linear feet of streambed. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 0.072 acres of wetlands and 295 linear feet of streambed.

The primary purpose of the Project is to replace the existing single-lane Wildwood Road Bridge (No. 05C-0086) with a wider two-lane bridge. The proposed bridge would be built 36 feet north of the current bridge location. In 2006, the current bridge was determined to be structurally deficient due to substandard load carrying capacity.

The proposed Project includes a containment plan to capture all debris, including lead-based paint matrix, during construction and demolition to avoid a discharge to surface waters.

The proposed Project includes a mitigation plan to address the consequential permanent and temporary impacts, which includes the restoration and revegetation of 0.29 acres of disturbed area with an appropriate suite of riparian and upland plant species. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The Project is planned to begin in May of 2015, with construction work planned to last approximately 17 months.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404. The Applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to obtain a Streambed Alteration Agreement.

On September 5, 2012, Trinity County, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has produced an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2012092006), 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. 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 Jake Shannon at (707) 576-2673, Gil Falcone at (707) 576-2830, or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.