

February 27, 2015

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

**Hales Winery Driveway Project  
WDID 1B14124WNSO**

**Sonoma County**

On December 5, 2014, the North Coast Regional water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Kenneth and Diane Wilson (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 Hales Winery Driveway Project (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 (114.24). The project is located at 4304 Dry Creek Road in Healdsburg, at latitude 38.665290°N and longitude 122.931126°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 127.5 square feet or 25.5 linear feet.

The purpose of the project is to provide access to a new winery. The existing driveway will be improved and widened for truck and shipping access by extending two existing culverts. A new vehicle bridge and a new pedestrian bridge will be installed to provide access to the winery across the creek from the new parking area. The bridges will be clear-span bridges with abutments outside of the top of bank.

Compensatory mitigation for the project will include the planting of 25 one gallon trees in 5 different planting areas along the tributary. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. The project is expected to commence in May 2015 and may last until October 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, 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 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.

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