

June 23, 2015

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

**Gravenstein Creek Culvert Replacement on Brown Farm Project
WDID No. 1B15057WNSO**

Sonoma County

On May 28, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the City of Santa Rosa, Mike Prinz (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Gravenstein Creek Culvert Replacement on Brown Farm Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the State associated with Gravenstein Creek within the Middle Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.21. The Project is located at latitude 38.4016°N, and longitude 122.8065°W, within Brown Farm. The proposed culvert replacement would not result an increase in culvert length and if implemented as proposed would cause no new impacts to waters of the state.

The primary purpose of the Project is to replace the three existing 18-inch corrugated culverts with an embedded concrete box culvert. The proposed box culvert would facilitate fish passage and allow safe crossing for agricultural equipment

Because the proposed culvert replacement would not result in any new impacts to waters of the state mitigation is not required. 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 the summer of 2015.

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

On January 13, 2015, the City of Santa Rosa, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, proposed a Notice of Exemption and filed with the State Clearinghouse, 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 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 Jake Shannon at (707) 576-2673 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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