

September 9, 2015

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

**Seventh-Day Adventists – Redwood Area Camp Road Crossing Repair Project
WDID No. 1B15117WNHU**

Humboldt County

On August 28, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the Northern California Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Richard Magnuson, Jr. (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Seventh-Day Adventists – Redwood Area Camp Road Crossing Repair Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with an unnamed tributary to Poison Oak Creek within the Eel River Hydrologic Unit No. 111.41. The Project is located at 2437 Dyerville Loop Road, Weott, Humboldt County, at latitude 40.336042°N, and longitude 123.9035°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. include placement of Rock Slope Protection (RSP) on approximately 5 linear feet of stream bank. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. include placement of river-run gravel on approximately 30 linear feet of stream bed.

The primary purpose of the Project is to repair an existing stream crossing damaged by storms that occurred in early 2015, returning the existing roadway to preexisting condition. The proposed Project would include reattaching two sections of 48” culvert to reestablish the crossing underdrain and the remove and replace a 6” culvert with a 24” culvert along the private driveway. Installation of RSP at the inlet and outlet of the culverts and backfilling culverts are proposed for this Project. Current condition of the culverts would allow sediment discharge into the stream and further impact the roadway.

The Project is planned to be conducted in the summer/fall of 2015 with construction work planned to last approximately five days.

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

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, 15301 (d) 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. 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 Gil Falcone gil.falcone@waterboards.ca.gov at (707) 576-2830 or Stephen Bargsten stephen.bargsten@waterboards.ca.gov at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.