

September 30, 2015

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

**Alderpoint Road, PM 36.98 Emergency Relief Permanent Roadway Restoration
Project
WDID No. 1B15084WNHU**

Humboldt County

On July 2, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Humboldt County Public Works (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Alderpoint Road, PM 36.98 Emergency Relief Permanent Roadway Restoration Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with wetlands and an unnamed tributary to Martin Creek within the Eel River Hydrologic Unit No. 111.13. The Project is located on Alderpoint Road at Post Mile (PM) 36.98 near Blocksburg, Humboldt County, at latitude 40.368558°N, and longitude 123.731169°W. No permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. are proposed. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 50 linear feet of wetlands and 40 linear feet of creek channel.

The primary purpose of the Project is to repair and stabilize the existing roadway. The Project description includes construction of a 314 linear foot welded wire wall to stabilize the roadway. Additionally, The Project proposal includes construction of the underdrain and re-installation of 40 linear feet of existing Rock Slope Protection (RSP) as energy dissipation within the creek channel. The Project includes plans for reusing a previous temporary detour route during construction. The proposed Project includes a plan to restore 50 linear feet of temporarily impacted roadside wetlands to pre-Project condition. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The Project is planned to be conducted between 2016 and 2018 with construction work planned to last approximately 30 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 (c) 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.