

October 9, 2015

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

**BCRAA Jack McNamara Field (CEC) Terminal Replacement Project
WDID No. 1A12196WNDN**

Del Norte County

On January 2, 2013, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an incomplete application from the Boarder Coast Regional Airport Authority (BCRAA) (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the BCRAA Jack McNamara Field (CEC) Terminal Replacement Project (Project). Since June 1, 2015, the Applicant has submitted supplemental information in an effort to complete the application, update the Project description, and provide California Environmental Quality Act documentation.

The proposed Project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with wetlands within the Smith River Hydrologic Unit No. 103.11. The Project is located at 150 Dale Rupert Road, Crescent City, Del Norte County, at latitude 41.7781°N, and longitude 124.2303°W. Project implementation would result in approximately 0.029 acres of permanent impacts to jurisdictional wetlands.

The primary purpose of the Project is to replace the BCRAA Jack McNamara Field Terminal, associated infrastructure, and implement an offsite wetlands mitigation project. Phase 1 of the Project would consist of improvements to Dale Rupert Road, construction of a parking lot, and installation of sewer and water lines. Phase 2 would include construction of the passenger terminal building and aircraft apron.

The Project application includes a revised mitigation and monitoring plan that proposes 0.06 acres of off-site wetland establishment to offset permanent impacts to wetlands. The Applicant has also submitted a *Final Stormwater Facilities Plan* for review, describing best management practices to prevent and reduce discharges during and after construction.

Phase 1 of the Project is planned to begin in 2016, and be completed in 2017, and Phase 2 would begin in 2017, and be completed in 2018.

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 Coastal Commission to obtain a Coastal Development Permit. The Applicant has obtained a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (No. 1600-2012-0334-R1).

On April 2, 2009, Boarder Coast Airport Authority, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, certified a final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2006112120), pursuant to CEQA guidelines. In May 2009, BCRAA adopted the first addendum to the EIR. In April 2011, BCRAA adopted a second addendum to the EIR. In June 2015, BCRAA issued a third addendum to the EIR describing modifications to the proposed Project.

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.