

December 23, 2015

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

**Healdsburg City Five-way Intersection Culvert Replacement Project  
WDID No. 1B15148WNSO**

**Sonoma County**

On November 9, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the City of Healdsburg (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Healdsburg City Five-way Intersection Culvert Replacement Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with Foss Creek within the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.24. The Project is located at the southwest corner of the five-way intersection of Healdsburg Ave., Mill St. and Vine St., Healdsburg, Sonoma County, at latitude 38.6079°N, and longitude 122.87°W. No permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. are proposed. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 160 linear feet of Foss Creek bed and bank.

The primary purpose of the Project is to replace the existing, failing 1930's culvert with a new reinforced concrete culvert. The proposed Project would include dewatering of surface waters are present during the dry summer months. The Applicant proposes to replace 126 feet of existing closed culvert with a new closed box culvert approximately 104 linear feet long and an open culvert section of approximately 22 linear feet. The new culvert is proposed to be constructed approximately one foot lower than the existing culvert so that native gravel and channel bed will exist throughout the entire length of the new culvert. No vegetation is proposed to be removed. The project will also remove a legacy gas station associated with a previous Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) cleanup site, current status is completed - case closed (RB Case #1TS0781 *Vine Street Station*).

The proposed Project includes a plan to daylight 22 linear feet of Foss Creek that are currently running through the existing covered culvert. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. The Project plan includes appropriate mitigation measures in the unlikely event that contaminated soil or groundwater are discovered during construction.

The Project is planned to be conducted between June and October 2016 with construction work planned to last approximately 4 months.

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.

On November 26, 2013, The City of Healdsburg, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has produced a Final EIR for the Central Healdsburg Avenue Plan and filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2012112011), 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](mailto:Gil.Falcone@waterboards.ca.gov) at (707) 576-2830 or Stephen Bargsten [Stephen.Bargsten@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Stephen.Bargsten@waterboards.ca.gov) at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.