

January 22, 2016

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

**Meadowood Ranch Subdivision Project
WDID No. 1B05060WNSO**

Sonoma County

On November 30, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from DeAngelis Construction, Inc. (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Meadowood Ranch Subdivision Project (Project). The Regional Water Board issued a Water Quality Certification for these Project activities on November 28, 2007, however, the project was not undertaken. The proposed Project, which is nearly identical to the previously permitted project, will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and state associated with wetlands within the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.21. The Project is located at 2853 and 2875 Dutton Meadow, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, at latitude 38.407200°N, and longitude 122.730911°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. and state include approximately 1.66 acres of wetlands.

The primary purpose of the Project is to construct a 78-unit single family housing development. The proposed Project would include development of a total of 11.34 acres including filling or excavating 1.66 acres of waters of the U.S. and state. Development would consist of removal of existing vegetation, grading and excavation, underground utility installation, paving, construction of residential structures, landscaping and storm water treatment infrastructure. The Applicant has proposed a storm water mitigation plan for approval by the Executive Officer to offset the increase in impervious surfaces of the parcels from 0.45 acres to 7.69 acres. Issuance of the Water Quality Certification will be contingent upon approval of the Storm water mitigation plan.

The proposed Project includes proof of purchase of 1.66 acres of wetland creation and 1.66 acres of wetland preservation credit at Hale Mitigation Bank. Loss of 9.68 acres of California Tiger Salamander upland habitat has been mitigated for by purchase of credits from the Christina Preserve (18.73 acres), the Davis Preserve (2.32 acres), and the Hazel Mitigation Bank (1.95 acres). 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 2017 with construction work planned to last approximately 5 months between May and October.

The Applicant has applied for re-authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 permit. A California Department of Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement is not required for the project.

On April 16, 2007, the City of Santa Rosa, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has produced an Initial Study and proposed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2004062301), 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.