

February 11, 2016

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

**Jenner Headlands Preserve Public Access and Wetland Restoration Project  
WDID No. 1B15039WNSO**

**Sonoma County**

On April 21, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from The Wildlands Conservancy, Brook Edwards (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Jenner Headlands Preserve Public Access and Wetland Restoration Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with an unnamed tributary to the Pacific Ocean and wetlands within the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 113.90. The Project is located at 18426 Hwy 1, Jenner, Sonoma County, at latitude 38.4718113°N, and longitude 123.1438383°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 0.18 acres of wetlands.

The primary purpose of the Project is build infrastructure to provide public access to the Jenner Headlands Preserve. The proposed Project would include construction of roadway and parking infrastructure including Low Impact Development infiltration features. Additionally, the project will include construction of restrooms, trails, picnic areas. During construction approximately 0.18 acres of wetlands will be permanently filled.

The proposed Project includes a plan to create 0.35 acres wetlands and enhance 0.32 acres of existing wetlands. The applicant has submitted wetland mitigation and monitoring plans that have been approved to address permanent impacts to wetlands. The project has submitted approved plans for post-construction storm water treatment to address increased impervious surfaces from the development. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The Project is planned to begin May 15, 2016 through October 15, 2016, with construction work planned to last approximately four weeks.

The Applicant has obtained authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404, Nationwide Permit No. 42 for *Recreational Facilities* (File No. 2015-00174N).

On February 3, 2016, Sonoma County, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has produced an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and filed with the State Clearinghouse, 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.

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