

February 17, 2016

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

**Gallo Storm Drain Replacement Project
WDID No. 1B15150WNSO**

Sonoma County

On November 10, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Gallo Vineyards, Inc., Jesse Conwell (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Gallo Storm Drain Replacement Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with an unnamed tributary to Dry Creek within the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.24. The Project is located at the Gallo Winery at 3387 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, at latitude 38.6587°N and longitude 122.9144°W. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 1,925 linear feet of previously culverted streambed. No new permanent impacts are being proposed.

The primary purpose of the Project is to replace two 1,925-foot long corrugated metal culverts that have degraded over time, with two 1,875-foot long High Density Polyethylene culverts. The Project proposes to daylight approximately 50 feet of stream channel at the culvert outlet and to remove approximately 25 feet linear feet of mortared rock within the channel. The section of previously hardened channel would be re-contoured to match the downstream channel and be planted with native riparian vegetation.

The Project has been designed to daylight as much stream channel as is feasible at the site, and compensatory mitigation would not be required for the associated temporary impacts. 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 May of 2016, 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 (File No. 1600-2015-0403-R3).

We anticipate that, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, the Regional Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse for a Categorical Exemption, 15301 (c) Existing Facilities.

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 Jake Shannon at (707) 576-2673 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

The information contained in this public notice is only a summary of Caltrans's proposed activities. The Regional Water Board's Project file includes the application for certification and additional details of the proposed Project, including maps and design drawings. Project documents and any comments received are on file and may be reviewed or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.