

February 23, 2016

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

**Moorland Neighborhood Park Project  
WDID No. 1B16003WNSO**

**Sonoma County**

On January 7, 2016, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Scott Wilkinson of the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department (Applicant) requesting a federal Clean Water Act, section 401, water quality certification for activities associated with the Moorland Neighborhood Park Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with the Laguna de Santa Rosa and depressional wetlands within the Middle Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.21. The Project is located at 3399 Moorland Avenue near Santa Rosa, CA, at latitude 38.395°N and longitude 122.7202°W. The permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. associated with the proposed Project include approximately 0.45 acres of wetlands.

The primary purpose of the Project is to develop a new neighborhood park in the Moorland neighborhood in unincorporated Sonoma County. The land was acquired through tax liens by Sonoma County and purchased by the Sonoma County Parks Department in early 2015 for use as a park.

The Project proposes purchasing 0.68 acres of vernal pool wetland creation mitigation credits from Carinalli-Todd Mitigation Bank.

The Project is planned to begin in June of 2016, with construction work planned to last approximately four months.

The Applicant is seeking authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Nationwide Permit 42 (Recreational Facilities).

Sonoma County Regional Parks, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has produced an initial study and mitigated negative declaration for the proposed Project 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 Jake Shannon at (707) 576-2673 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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