

April 19, 2016

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

**Sonoma County Acreage Lane Culvert Replacement Project
WDID No. 1B16191WNSO**

Sonoma County

On March 2, 2016, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works, Rob Houweling (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Acreage Lane Culvert Replacement Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the State associated with a roadside ditch that drains into Dutch Bill Creek within the Lower Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.11. The Project is located at the intersection of Acreage Lane and Graton Road in Occidental, Sonoma County, at latitude 38.4154°N, and longitude 122.9411 °W. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. and waters of the state include approximately 40 linear feet of stream channel.

The primary purpose of the Project is to replace a failing 40-foot long, 42-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe culvert with a higher capacity 54-inch low head culvert of equal length with new concrete headwalls on the upstream and downstream ends. At the culvert outlet, accumulated sediment within the channel will be removed with an excavator for approximately 90 feet to improve flow conditions through the culvert. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The Project is planned for July through October of 2016, with construction work planned to last approximately 10 days.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 Nationwide Permit No. 3. The Applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to obtain a Streambed Alteration Agreement.

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, 15302 (c) Replacement or Reconstruction.

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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