

April 21, 2016

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

**U.S. Forest Service – Minersville Boat Ramp Repair Project
WDID No. 1A16259WNTR**

Trinity County

On March 23, 2016, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the U.S. Forest Service, Cindy Luzietti (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Minersville Boat Ramp Repair Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the State associated with Trinity Reservoir within the Upper Trinity River Hydrologic Unit No. 106.40. The Project is located at the Minersville Campground, off of Highway CA-3 approximately 17 miles north of Weaverville, Trinity County, at latitude 40.8483°N, and longitude 122.8107°W. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 0.02 acres of reservoir bank.

The primary purpose of the Project is to repair potholes on the Minersville boat ramp and install a perforated steel ramp to extend the existing concrete boat launch and allow vehicle access during low water-level conditions. The proposed Project includes a containment plan to capture all debris, including that created while cutting asphalt, during construction and demolition to avoid a discharge to surface waters.

The Project is planned to occur during the spring of 2016, with construction work planned to last approximately one week.

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.

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 (d) 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.