

April 27, 2016

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

**Siskiyou County Schulmeyer Bridge Replacement Project
WDID No. 1A16255WNSI**

Siskiyou County

On March 25, 2016, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Siskiyou County Public Works, Scott Waite (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Siskiyou County Public Works; Schulmeyer Gulch Bridge Replacement Project (Project). On April 25, 2016, additional project information was submitted and the application was deemed complete. The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the State associated with Julien Creek within the Shasta Valley Hydrologic Unit No. 105.5. The Project is located at mile post 18 on Old Highway 99 approximately 2.1 miles northwest of Grenada in Siskiyou County, at latitude 41.6561°N, and longitude 122.5812°W. New permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 0.01 acres and 40 linear feet of stream bank. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. may include up to 0.07 acres and 140 linear feet of stream bank and/or channel.

The primary purpose of the Project is to replace a deficient triple box culvert with a single-span concrete slab bridge. The current triple box culvert bridge structure was built in 1925 and has moderate to severe vertical cracks in the pier walls, inverts, and abutment faces.

Work would consist of removing the existing bridge with a backhoe or excavator and a hydraulic breaker. The footings of the existing bridge would be excavated to a depth of approximately 5 feet below the stream channel. The new bridge would consist of a single-span concrete slab bridge on concrete abutments and driven steel piles. Rock slope protection would be placed around the concrete abutments and stream bank to prevent scouring. Construction staging will take place within the existing roadway right-of-way, at least 100ft from the bridge.

A detour may be necessary and would be constructed adjacent to the existing roadway. If a detour is constructed, it would be removed following construction and the stream channel and banks would be re-graded to the original pre-project topography. The disturbed areas will be seeded with a weed-free, native grass seed mix.

The Project is planned to be implemented from June to October of 2017, with construction work planned to last approximately 120 days.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404. The Applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to obtain a Streambed Alteration Agreement (File No. 1600-2016-0119-R1).

On February 6, 2013, Siskiyou County, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, produced a Mitigated Negative Declaration and filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2013012013), 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.