

May 9, 2016

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

**SMART Train Sonoma Stations Project  
WDID No. 1B16368WNSO**

**Sonoma County**

On April 18, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), Bill Gamlen (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District Sonoma Stations Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with depressional wetlands and jurisdictional swales within the Laguna De Santa Rosa Hydrologic Sub-Area No. 114.21, and depressional wetlands within the Mark West Creek Hydrologic Sub-Area No. 114.23. The Project consists of six station sites, two of which that would result in impacts to waters of the United States and the state. The proposed site locations with impacts to waters of the U.S. and state are:

<b>Site Number 3 of 6</b>	<b>Site Name:</b> Rohnert Park Station	<b>Mile Post:</b> 47.0	<b>Project Location:</b> Rohnert Park Expressway Rohnert Park, CA
<b>Waterbody:</b> Unnamed wetland and swale	<b>Section, Township, Range:</b> T: 6 N, R: 8 W	<b>USGS Quad:</b> Cotati	<b>Latitude:</b> 38°20'52.52"N <b>Longitude:</b> -122°42'05.30"W
<b>Watershed:</b> Russian River	<b>Size of Project Boundary:</b> 2.47 Acres N/A Linear Feet		<b>County Assessor Parcel Number:</b> 143051075
<b>Site Number 6 of 6</b>	<b>Site Name:</b> Santa Rosa Airport Boulevard Station	<b>Mile Post:</b> 59.7	<b>Project Location:</b> 1130 Airport Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA
<b>Waterbody:</b> Unnamed wetland	<b>Section, Township, Range:</b> S: 30, T: 6 N, R: 8 W	<b>USGS Quad:</b> Healdsburg	<b>Latitude:</b> 38°30'39.87"N <b>Longitude:</b> -122°47'6.755"W
<b>Watershed:</b> Russian River	<b>Size of Project Boundary:</b> 1.4 Acre N/A Linear Feet		<b>County Assessor Parcel Number:</b> 059240038

Permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 0.121 acres of wetlands and jurisdictional swale. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 0.003 acres of wetlands.

The primary purpose of the Project is to construct six new train stations to service the SMART passenger rail between northern Santa Rosa and downtown Petaluma in Sonoma County, California.

To mitigate for the impacts associated with the Project, the Applicant has purchased 0.15 wetland creation credits for seasonal wetlands from the Laguna Valley Mitigation Bank.

The Project is planned to begin in May of 2016, with construction work planned to last approximately 4 months.

The Applicant has applied for and received authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 permit.

In 2006, SMART, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has produced an Environmental Impact Report and filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2002112033), 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.