

October 13, 2016

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

**Eastside Potter Valley Road Rehabilitation and Widening Project  
WDID No. 1B14059WNME**

**Mendocino County**

On June 23, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the Mendocino County Department of Transportation, Jackson Ford (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Eastside Potter Valley Road Rehabilitation and Widening Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with an unnamed tributary to the Russian River, an irrigation ditch and wetlands within the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.32. The Project is located along four miles of Eastside Potter Valley Road, Potter Valley, Mendocino County, at latitude 39.3117°N, and longitude 123.0943°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 0.2 acres of wetlands. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. include approximately 80 linear feet of jurisdictional ditches. Permanent impacts to waters of the state riparian area include the removal of riparian trees totaling approximately 0.25 acres.

The primary purpose of the Project is to remove, reconstruct and widen a four mile stretch of roadway. The proposed Project would include grinding and recycling the current pavement and base to create 14 foot wide lanes including aggregate-base shoulders. The project will also include replacement and upgrading two 40-foot long culverts under the roadway. A diversion plan has been proposed to temporarily dewater the culverted areas during construction. During rehabilitation and widening of the roadway approximately 0.2 acres of wetlands adjacent to an irrigation pond will be filled. During construction approximately 800 trees will be removed including approximately 0.25 acres of riparian canopy.

The proposed Project includes a mitigation that includes wetland preservation of approximately 2.27 acres of wetlands and including approximately 0.60 acres riparian area through an established conservation easement and preservation of approximately five (5) acres of Valley Oak tree habitat in land conservation easement. Easement lands have been approved through the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 13-104 and through agreement of acquisition and oversight by the Mendocino Land Trust. Additionally, the Applicant proposes to mitigate through supportive funding for the Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project and the Potter Valley Oak Awareness Program. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The Project is planned to begin in 2018 or 2019 with construction work planned to last approximately two to three years during the dry season (May 15 – October 15).

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 permit. The Applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to obtain a Streambed Alteration Agreement.

On May 6, 2008, Mendocino County, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has produced an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2008042029), 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 Gil Falcone [gil.falcone@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gil.falcone@waterboards.ca.gov) at (707) 576-2830 or Stephen Bargsten [stephen.bargsten@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stephen.bargsten@waterboards.ca.gov) at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.