

October 26, 2016

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

**Haven Best Property - Culvert Installation & Replacement Project
WDID No. 1B16060WNSO**

Sonoma County

On February 11, 2016, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Haven E. Best (applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Haven Best Property – Culvert Replacement and Installation Project (project). The proposed project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with a tributary of Atascadero Creek and associated riparian wetlands within the Lower Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.11. The project is located at 8687 Oak Grove Avenue, Sebastopol, CA, at latitude 38.429344°N and longitude 122.864657°W. Permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters include approximately 0.022 acres of streambed, bank, and riparian wetlands, and 50 linear feet of stream channel.

The primary purpose of the project is to upgrade two existing stream crossings by replacing an existing undersized and failed culvert with new properly sized culverts, and by constructing a rocked ford. The proposed project will prevent sediment discharges from the ephemeral stream at the crossing locations.

The proposed project includes a mitigation plan to address the consequential permanent impacts, which includes invasive plant removal and native revegetation of 0.043 acres and 200 linear feet of stream bank and riparian area with an appropriate suite of riparian plant species. The project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The culvert replacement component of the project occurred in 2015. The rocked ford and restoration components of the project are planned to begin in June of 2017, with construction work planned to last approximately one month.

The applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 Nationwide Permit.

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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