

September 13, 2017

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

**USFS Shasta Trinity NF - Trinity Center Boat  
Launching Facility Improvements Project**

**40.972° N, 122.692° W<sup>1</sup>**

**CW-839680, WDID 1A171663WNTR**

**Trinity County**

On August 30, 2017, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the USDA Forest Service, Shasta Trinity National Forest (applicant), requesting federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) for activities related to the proposed USFS Shasta Trinity NF – Trinity Center Boat Launching Facility Improvement Project (project) located on Trinity Lake near the town of Trinity Center, in Trinity County.

**Project Description**

The purpose of this project is to improve the safety and efficiency of an existing boat launch facility by widening the ramp to two lanes and adding concrete turnaround areas.

Specifically, the project would include:

- Increasing the ramp width to two lanes on the lower portion (approximately 250 feet) of the boat ramp,
- Constructing two concrete turnarounds on the west side of the ramp;
- Overlay the ramp with v-groove surfacing;
- Remove the existing ramp sidewalk and add an 8-foot-wide sidewalk on the other side of the ramp;
- Resurfacing and re-striping the existing parking area;
- Add rock erosion protection along the ramp edges;
- Replace existing vault toilet and associated sidewalks; and
- Replace signage.

**Project Timeline**

The proposed work would take approximately 90 days and would occur when the water level of Trinity Lake reaches its annual low, typically is between October and December. The anticipated start date is September 2018.

**Receiving Waters**

The proposed project would result in the discharge of approximately 595 cubic yards of concrete and 470 cubic yards of rock slope protection onto the bank of Trinity Lake. The project location is within the Upper Trinity River Hydrologic Area 106.40.

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<sup>1</sup> WGS84 datum

**Impacts**

The proposed project would result in less than 0.15 acres of new permanent impacts to the bank of Trinity Lake as a result of replacement of the ramp widening component of the project.

**Other Agency Permits and Actions**

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

**CEQA**

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, 15301(d) Existing Facilities, and will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse concurrent with issuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

**Public Comments**

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 phone calls and comments submitted in writing and received within 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 or comments, please contact staff member Jake Shannon at (707) 576-2673 or [Jacob.Shannon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jacob.Shannon@waterboards.ca.gov) within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

The information contained in this public notice is only a summary of the applicant's proposed activities. The Regional Water Board's project file includes the application for certification and additional details of the proposed project, including maps and design drawings. Project documents and any comments received are on file and may be reviewed or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.