

ITEM: 12
SUBJECT: GBD Communities, Creekview Development Project, Placer County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Issuance of Amended Water Quality Certification*

BACKGROUND:

On 8 October 2014, a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) was issued to GBD Communities to develop a 461-acre area known as Creekview Development on the northwest side of Roseville. The City of Roseville issued a Notice of Determination for the Creekview Specific Pan Environmental Impact Report on 24 September 2014. The WQC was issued to address the permanent impacts to 12.4 acres of jurisdictional wetlands, 0.18 acres of riparian, and 0.36 acres of un-vegetated streambed necessary to complete the project development. On 3 April 2015 the consultant for GBD Communities requested an amended WQC. The request was made in response to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers modifying its determination on the overall impacted acreage of the project. The Corps added 12.02 acres of seasonal wetland (previously agricultural farmland) to its jurisdictional determination. The area will continue to be farmed in the future and is part of the City of Roseville's bypass flood control channel project necessary for the Creekview Development Project.

As required by Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 3858 the amended application was publicly noticed for 21 days in April 2015, to address the addition of the 12.02 acres of seasonal wetlands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers publicly noticed their intent to issue a CWA Section 404 individual permit for the Creekview Development, including the additional off-site impacts in March/April 2015. The amended Creekview Development Project will permanently impact 24.78 acres of jurisdictional wetlands; including 12.02 acres of off-site farm fields, 1.23 acres of vernal pools, 11.19 acres of riparian/seasonal wetlands, and 0.34-acre (220 linear feet) of un-vegetated streambed. The conditions of the amended WQC remain the same as the original WQC, however proposed wetland mitigation has been increased to address the expanded impacts.

ISSUES: Comments were received from Michael Garabedian, representing the Placer Group of the Sierra Club and included a request for a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Certification.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the issuance of the amended water quality certification.

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