

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program

Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

Applicant: City of Fairfield

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Project Name: Jepson Parkway, Phase 1 (RM 397680, SB 14005IN)

Date of Application: 08/12/2014

Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification for the City of Fairfield Jepson Parkway Project, Phase 1 Affected County: Solano

On August 12, 2014, the State Water Board received an application from the City of Fairfield (Applicant), in cooperation with the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), requesting Federal Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for activities related to the Jepson Parkway Project, Phase 1 (Project). The Project is the first of three phases of the overall Jepson Parkway Project the purpose of which, combined, is designed to address existing and future traffic congestion, improve safety, and to facilitate the use of alternative modes of transportation. The purpose of the Project is to provide an integrated and continuous route for local north-south trips between Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun City, and unincorporated areas of Solano County as an alternative to using I-80. The proposed Project would also enhance multimodal transportation options for local trips in central Solano County, including provision of a bicycle and pedestrian path and increasing transit use in the area.

Proposed activities associated with this phase of the Project include improvements to the section of Vanden Road in mid Solano County from its intersection with Peabody Road to a

location approximately 1,200 feet south of its intersection with Leisure Town Road, an approximate length of 2.5 miles. Improvements include widening portions of the roadway from two lanes to four lanes and constructing intersection improvements at Canon Road.

Projected permanent and temporary impacts to Waters of the U.S. and waters of the state are summarized in Table 1, below.

Feature	Permanent Impacts (acre)	Permanent Impacts (linear feet)	Temporary Impacts (acre)	Temporary Impacts (linear feet)
Wetland	0.314			
Streambed	0.063	455	0.004	55
Lake/Reservoir				
Ocean/Estuary/Bay				
Riparian				
Isolated Waters				
Total Impacts	0.377	455	0.004	55

Status of CEQA and other Natural Resource Documents and Permits

The STA, acting as lead agency under CEQA, submitted the Final Environmental Report (FEIR) for the Project to the State Clearing House (SCH# 2000072051) in March of 2009.

The Applicant has filed for authorization under Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Nationwide Permit 14, concurrently with this water quality certification application. Also submitted concurrently with this application were applications for Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement and a Section 2081 Take Permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service issued a Biological Opinion for the Project (File No 2009/01732) on May 20, 2009. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a Section 7 Consultation-Biological Opinion (File No. 81420-2008-F-1791-2) on May 20, 2009.

Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. 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 letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Maria Saenz at (916) 341-5900 or Anamaria.Saenz@waterboards.ca.gov

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