

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: Canon Station LLC & the City of Fairfield

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Project Name: Canon Station Project (RM 402266, SB SB15004IN)

Date of Application: 06/04/2015

Public Notice Period: 9/8/2015 – 10/1/2015

Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification for the Canon Station LLC & the City of Fairfield Canon Station Project

Affected County: Solano

Project Description

On June 4, 2015, the State Water Board received an application from Canon Station LLC and the City of Fairfield (Applicant) requesting federal Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for activities related to the Canon Station Project (Project). The overall Project purpose is to construct a large-scale, master-planned community that includes mixed use and regional transit-oriented residential development. The Project will provide a broad range of housing types and densities to serve the Northern Solano County Real Estate Market Area, which includes the cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, Dixon, and Suisun City.

The Project will be situated on approximately 520 acres in northeastern Fairfield adjacent to the Capitol Corridor (Amtrak) and within 0.6 mile of a proposed Fairfield-Vacaville train station. The Project area currently consists of non-native annual grassland, occasionally interspersed with wetland plant communities located within vernal pools and swales, drainage channels, and other

depressional features. The majority of the area is currently used for grazing livestock and contains a variety of stock water tanks, corrals, ranch buildings, and equipment storage areas.

The Project would consist of 2,300 dwelling units on approximately 257 acres, 9.3 acres of commercial development, approximately 100 acres of park and open space, and 24 acres of detention basins to provide drainage and flood protection.

The Project would also consist of road improvements. One road improvement would replace Canon Road, a two-lane rural roadway, with New Canon Road, a two to four-lane roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks. Another road improvement would be to widen Vanden Road, a two-lane road with unpaved shoulders, to four lanes, and raise it 30 feet above existing grade. A third road improvement would be to extend McCrory Road southwest from its terminus at North Gate Road to intersect New Canon Road.

Impacts to Waters of the State

Projected permanent and temporary impacts to waters of the United States and waters of the state are summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Summary of Impacts to Waters of the State and U.S.				
Feature	Permanent Impacts (acre)	Permanent Impacts (linear feet)	Temporary Impacts (acre)	Temporary Impacts (linear feet)
Wetland	10.07		0.13	
Streambed	0.10	323	0.23	793
Lake/Reservoir				
Ocean/Estuary/Bay				
Riparian				
Isolated Waters				
Total Impacts	10.17	323	0.36	793

Proposed Mitigation for Impacts

The applicant is proposing to mitigate for impacts to waters of the state through a combination of re-establishment, rehabilitation, enhancement, and preservation of wetlands onsite and offsite.

Status of CEQA and other Natural Resource Documents and Permits

The City of Fairfield, as lead agency under CEQA, submitted the Final Environmental Report (FEIR) for the Project to the State Clearing House (SCH# 20100042093) in July 2011.

The Applicant submitted an application for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) individual permit on May 20, 2015.

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 Jeanie

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in the public notice.

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