

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2010-0096

RESCISSION OF
ORDER NO. R1-2010-0046
REQUIRING TECHNICAL INFORMATION
PURSUANT TO WATER CODE SECTION 13267(b)

FOR

Noyo Harbor District
And
Walter Stornetta Ranch

Regarding

Noyo Harbor Dredge Spoils
Mendocino County

1. In March 2010, Regional Water Board staff were informed that spoil material from Noyo Harbor was being trucked from the staging area at Noyo Harbor to the Walter Stornetta Ranch at 45100 Biaggi Road, in Manchester. Staff were not aware of the volume of dredge spoil material involved, the composition/characteristics of the material, nor the proposed method(s) of use and/or location(s) of disposal of the dredge spoils at the Stornetta Ranch site. However, the available analytical information suggests that dredge spoils from the Noyo River and Harbor Channels are not inert and may pose a threat to water quality and/or human health and the environment, depending on the method and location of use/disposal.
2. Accordingly, on April 21, 2010, the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board issued Order No. R1-2010-0046 to the Noyo Harbor District (District) and the Walter Stornetta Ranch (Ranch) (collectively Dischargers) requiring technical information pursuant to Water Code section 13267(b), namely requiring, in part, that the Dischargers characterize the dredge material and provide a follow-up report recommending appropriate methods/measures for disposal/reuse of the material to ensure appropriate water quality protection. On May 28, 2010, the Dischargers submitted, and the Board subsequently approved on June 15, 2010, a workplan to remove the Noyo Harbor dredged materials placed at the Ranch and to return these materials to the District's upland storage area.
3. On October 18, 2010, Regional Water Board staff received a report indicating that all the dredge materials had been removed from the Ranch and returned to the District's upland storage area. Staff of the Regional Water Board visited the Ranch on October 29, 2010 and observed that the area where the material had been stockpiled and subsequently removed. This area has been rocked and does not appear to pose a threat to water quality.

4. Regional Water Board staff will continue to work with the Harbor District and/or its representatives to identify appropriate methods and locations for disposal/reuse of the dredge materials, however the condition leading to the issuance of the subject order has been corrected, and the need for the order has been negated.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Order No. R1-2010-0046 for the Noyo Harbor District and Walter Stornetta Ranch is rescinded.

Ordered by _____

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

November 22, 2010