

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

Hideaway Mini Storage  
(WDID No. 1B05024WNHU)

Humboldt County

On March 15, 2005, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Marty McClelland, representing Oscar Larson and Associates, on behalf of Mr. Clint Hunter (hereinafter applicant), requesting Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) to alter wetlands for development of the applicant's property in McKinleyville, Humboldt County. The proposed project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with an unnamed tributary to North Fork Widow White Creek in the Blue Lake Hydrologic Area No. 109.10.

The proposed project is located near the northeast corner of the intersection of Central Avenue and Murray Road in the community of McKinleyville. Site development includes grading and placement of approximately 1,150 cubic yards of fill in existing wetlands to build a mini storage facility on approximately 3.5 acres of the approximately 9-acre parcel. The wetland delineation prepared for the affected parcel and approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicates the parcel contains 3.82 acres of wetlands including freshwater wetlands, seasonal wetlands, and channelized drainage ditch. The proposed development requires filling 0.48 acres of onsite wetlands. Approximately 0.53-acre of wetlands will be created onsite as compensatory mitigation for the loss of wetlands. Mitigation also includes enhancement of the remaining wetlands. A Wetland Restoration and Landscaping Plan will be prepared and implemented during construction. The applicant is also required to obtain coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board's General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

The applicant has applied for authorization to perform the project under Nationwide Permit No. 39 (File No. 224461N) from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, pursuant to the Clean Water Act, Section 404. The County of Humboldt, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act agency, approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project on March 31, 2005. The applicant has applied for a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600 Agreement) from the California Department of Fish and Game.

Regional Water Board staff is 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 comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Regional Water Board staff member Dean Prat by phone at (707) 576-2801, or e-mail [dprat@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dprat@waterboards.ca.gov) within 21 days of the posting of this notice.