

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

**7590 Mirabel Road Seasonal Streambank Restoration  
Sonoma County  
(WDID# 1B05009WNSO)**

On January 31, 2005, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Matthew Damos, on behalf of Fred Zurilgen, requesting a retroactive Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the 7590 Mirabel Road Seasonal Streambank Restoration in Sonoma County that was completed in 2003. The project caused disturbances the streambank associated with an unnamed seasonal tributary of the Russian River within the Mark West Sub Area No. 114.23, Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.00.

The project is located at 7590 Mirabel Road, Forestville, Sonoma County (APN #083-151-022). The project consisted of 8.23 square yards of hand placed rip rap along 50 linear ft (12 cubic yards) along one side of the stream channel, twenty feet of pre-existing one-lane automobile bridge and associated abutments. The purpose of the project was to reduce localized erosion, restore the stream bank and stop sediment releases into the watercourse. A previous property owner installed a retaining wall and bridge prior to the current owner purchasing the property in 1990. The current owner installed the riprap in 2003.

The total area of streambank impacted was approximately 0.007 acre including the riprap zone, the retaining wall, the bridge and abutments.

Compensatory mitigation for this project is yet to be determined awaiting a site visit, but will include replanting native riparian vegetation. Due to the fact this is an after-the-fact permit, compensatory mitigation will be higher than what would have been required if a permit was issued before the project was initiated. Non-compensatory mitigation measures include erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs).

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance is pending.

The nearest receiving water is an unnamed seasonal tributary to the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.00.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Ecologist Katerina Galacatos conducted a site visit and determined that the placement of riprap required a retroactive 404 permit, which has been issued under Nation Wide Permit #13(File No. 28735N). Bill Cox from the Department of Fish & Game also visited the site and concluded that although no Streambed Alteration Agreement was done, and DFG does not issue after-the-fact Agreements, the work appeared to have been done with little more no impact and no corrective work is needed. Any further work at this site will require a Streambed Alteration Agreement.

Regional Water Board staff are 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 staff member Andrew Jensen at (707) 576-2683 or at [ajensen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ajensen@waterboards.ca.gov) or Kari Wester at (707) 576-6728 or [kwester@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kwester@waterboards.ca.gov) within 21 days of the posting of this notice.