

June 20, 2005

**Public Notice for 401 Water Quality Certification
and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**

**City of Ukiah
Ukiah Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements, WDID No. 1B05014WNME
Mendocino County**

On February 9, 2005, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the City of Ukiah requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Ukiah Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project in Mendocino County. The proposed project includes impacts to Waters of the State associated with a seasonal wetland swale in the Ukiah Hydrologic Subarea No.114.31.

The proposed project is located surrounding a seasonal wetland swale that will be temporarily filled to provide access between the project and the staging area.

The project consists of the construction of a temporary road crossing in the swale to allow equipment access to the Wastewater Treatment Facility from the construction staging area. The crossing will be constructed by placing three cubic yards of crushed rock in 0.002 acres of the seasonal swale. The crossing will be removed when construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade is complete, in three or four years.

Compensatory mitigation has not been proposed for this project. Non-compensatory mitigation measures include the use of erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The City of Ukiah, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this project qualifies for a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA.

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 staff member Mona Dougherty at (707) 570-3761, or at mdougherty@waterboards.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.