

August 2, 2005

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

**Christopherson Homes, Inc., Oak Hollow Subdivision, 5020 Newanga Avenue
Sonoma County (WDID No. 1B05088WNSO)**

On June 23, 2005, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Christopherson Homes, Inc. (CHI) requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Oak Hollow 14 Lot Subdivision at 5020 Newanga Avenue in Sonoma County. The proposed project causes disturbances to waters of the state associated with Laguna de Santa Rosa drainage basin. The property drains via a storm drain system into Spring Creek, then into Santa Rosa creek which feeds into the Laguna de Santa Rosa, Laguna HSA 114.21.

The proposed project is located at 5020 Newanga Avenue in East Santa Rosa, East of Summerfield Road between Newanga Avenue and Hoen Avenue.

The proposed project consists of the development of a 14-lot single-family residential subdivision. The Project includes the fill and piping of the drainage ditches on the property. The project proponent proposes to fill and culvert the ephemeral drainage features situated on the property. The ephemeral drainage on the north parcel will be piped from an existing culvert at the head of the drainage into the existing neighborhood storm water system, which currently drains into a collection basin. The Cul De Sac is designed with curbs and gutters, and will drain into curbside catch basins that will be connected to the existing storm water system. The ditch on the southern portion of the property is a gap in a 48" storm water as indicated in the City of Santa Rosa Storm Drain System Map. The filling of the ephemeral drainage features were conditioned by the City of Santa Rosa.

Post-construction storm water treatment controls will be incorporated into the development project in order to decrease potential detrimental impacts associated with storm water runoff from the developed site. Final design specifications have not yet been completed.

The total area of wetlands to be permanently filled is approximately 0.05-acres. A Mitigation and Monitoring Proposal has been developed to offset the impacts to wetlands. Compensatory mitigation for this project will be attained by the contribution of funds to the Laguna Foundation restoration project named Middle Reach Restoration Project (MRRP). Mitigation for the loss of 0.05 acre of ephemeral drainage ditch will be accomplished by contributing funds sufficient to restore 0.10 acre as part of the MRRP, thus resulting in a 2:1 mitigation ration of impacted areas.

The City of Santa Rosa, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this project qualifies for a Negative Declaration. Final CEQA documentation has not yet been submitted.

The nearest receiving water is Spring Creek located in the Laguna Hydrologic Sub Area Unit No 114.21.

The Oak Hollow subdivision project is scheduled to begin September 2005 and end in October 15 2005. 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 Andrew Jensen at (707) 576-2683, or at ajensen@waterboards.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

The related documents and comments received are on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.