

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

USCG Dorado Moorings-Crescent City Harbor
WDID No. 1A05107WNDN

Del Norte County

On July 25, 2005, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) requesting Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the USCG Dorado Moorings shoreline erosion repair project located at 100 Anchor Way, Crescent City, Del Norte County. Regional Water Board staff deemed the application complete on August 19, 2005. The proposed project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with Crescent City Harbor in the Smith River Plain Hydrologic Subarea No. 103.11.

The purpose of the proposed project is to repair and protect 160 feet of eroded shoreline located in the Dorado Mooring area. The applicant proposes to place 165 cubic yards of riprap of various sizes below mean high water. Approximately 58 cubic yards of shoreline material will be excavated for the construction of a slope upon which the riprap will be placed. The slope will extend a maximum of 33 feet seaward. The existing sidewalk is undermined and will be demolished, with debris transported to an approved disposal site. The applicant proposes to remove shoreties during the project, and to reinstall them upon completion of the project. An existing chain link fence may be removed and replaced during construction. The proposed project is planned for the fall of 2005.

The proposed project will not involve grading or vegetation removal. No aquatic or terrestrial wildlife are located at the proposed project site. Compensatory mitigation is not required for this project. Non-compensatory mitigation measures include implementation of Best Management Practices for sediment and erosion control. The applicant proposes to utilize a silt curtain to control potential turbidity impacts.

The proposed project is authorized under the United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 13 for Bank Stabilization, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1344). The California Coastal Commission has issued a Negative Determination (ND 036-05). National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion was prepared for this project in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Instruction M16475.1D. Regional Water Board staff have determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Article 19, section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the 2002 California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Regional Water Board staff propose 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 Diana Henriouille at (707) 576-2350 or email DHenriouille-Henry@waterboards.ca.gov or Catherine Woody at (707) 576-6723 or email Cwoody@waterboards.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.