

February 28, 2006

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

Mr. Norman Krug  
Dry Creek Inn Expansion Project  
Sonoma County (WDID# 1B05146WNSO)

On November 3, 2005, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Norman Krug requesting an After-the-fact Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Dry Creek Inn Expansion Project at 15203 Grove Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County. The application was received after grading had commenced and in response to a Notice of Violation issued to Mr. Krug by the City of Healdsburg dated June 21, 2005. Regional Water Board staff met with the contractors, Wright Construction, on September 26, 2005, to discuss the requirement for obtaining after-the-fact Clean Water Act Section 404 and 401 permits for the installation of the storm drain outlet to Foss Creek, which had already been installed. The project caused disturbances to waters of the U.S. associated with Foss Creek and the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.00.

The project is located at 15203 Grove Street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County. The site is bordered on the north by the existing Dry Creek Inn, on the west by U.S. 101, on the east by Grove Street, and on the south by rural residential properties. The purpose of the project is to expand the existing Dry Creek Inn by an additional 60 rooms.

The project consists of the construction of a 3-story wood frame building containing approximately 60 rooms and an associated parking lot on a 1.37-acre parcel. An 18-inch diameter storm drain outfall was installed into Foss Creek which is designate as critical habitat for salmonids under the Endangered Species Act; impacting approximately 0.002 acres of waters of the U.S. as well as the riparian vegetation present on-site. In order to address the impacts to riparian vegetation and the increased potential for soil erosion, the applicant has planted willow sprigs along Foss Creek, which will be monitored for three years. Additional erosion control measures were installed in the form of construction Best Management Practices (BMPs).

On February 15, 2006, Regional Water Board staff received the Post Development Storm Water Mitigation Plan for Dry Creek Inn Expansion. This plan proposes to install post-construction storm water treatment BMPs in the form of a vegetated swale, bioretention system, vegetated buffer strip, and drain inlet filters as a means to treat storm water runoff from the Dry Creek Inn Expansion Project prior to discharging to Foss Creek.

Compensatory mitigation for this project will not be required. Non-compensatory mitigation measures include the use of erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will not be requiring a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit for the Project (File No. 298050N). The California Department of Fish and Game has determined that the project will not require a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. 1600200103073).

The City of Healdsburg, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this project qualifies for Categorical Exemption Section 15332, In-fill Development Projects, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The expansion project is scheduled to recommence immediately after issuance of the Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements. Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to 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 Michelle Jensen at (707) 576-6711, or at [mjensen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mjensen@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 Blvd., Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.