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Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste
Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses Project
Sonoma County (WDID# 1B06098WNSO)

On July 3, 2006, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Prunuske Chatham, Inc., on behalf of Carl Christofferson and the South Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Santa Rosa, CA, Inc., requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses Project (Project) in Sonoma County. The proposed project causes disturbances to Waters of the State associated with Colgan Creek and the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No.114.21.

The proposed project is located at 2035 and 2087 Petaluma Hill Road in Santa Rosa, APN's 044-021-041 and 044-021-043. The purpose of the Project is to install a storm water outfall that will discharge runoff from the Project.

The overall project consists of the construction of a congregation hall, a caretaker's residence and associated parking facilities. The portion of the proposed project that will effect Waters of the United States consists of the construction of the above mentioned storm water outfall. The outfall structure will consist of an 18-inch corrugated metal pipe and rock riprap to serve as an energy dissipater and erosion control. Work will involve minor excavation of the bank for placement of the storm drain and riprap, placement of the drain, riprap, and underlying filter fabric will occur just below ordinary high water and will involve less than ten cubic yards of fill. Erosion control mats will be placed under all disturbed areas and the outfall structure.

The total area of fill associated with the construction of the outfall structure is 0.0005 acres (22 ft²). Construction on the outfall structure is estimated to last two weeks.

Compensatory mitigation for this project will be attained through the removal of non native species and the establishment of a riparian corridor on Colgan Creek within the property boundaries. Currently the creek is in poor condition. It is channelized with no riparian cover in the project area. Plantings will consist of native trees on the top of the bank, and native understory species on the bank. The plantings will be maintained and monitored for three years, with a minimum survival rate of 80%. Non-compensatory mitigation measures include the use of erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs). Stormwater will be treated through the use of vegetated bioswales that will run the length of the property and treat the stormwater from the parking areas and buildings before draining into the storm drain system.

The project is exempt from CEQA under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303, New Construction of Small Structures. The Regional Water Board will

file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15062 at issuance of the Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements.

The Project is scheduled to begin after May 15, 2007. 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 Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 or at sbargsten@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.