

June 8, 2007

Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste
Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)
Westborough Project
Sonoma County (WDID# 1B02040WNSO)

On November 6, 2006, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Ross Albertson of Shook and Waller Builders requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Westborough Project in Sonoma County. The proposed project causes disturbances to Waters of the State associated with seasonal wetlands and the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No.114.22.

The proposed project is located at 1715 and 1755 Ridley Avenue in Santa Rosa, APNs 036-091-051 and 036-101-016. The purpose of the project is to provide 34 single-family homes in accordance with the City of Santa Rosa's general plan.

The proposed project consists of the construction of 34 detached, single-family homes on 2.62 acres. Individual lots will range in size from approximately 2,240 square feet to 3,150 square feet. The southern portion of the project site contains a single-family residence with a detached garage, with the remainder of the site undeveloped with the exception of a gravel driveway and parking area. The existing house and garage will be demolished as part of the site preparation. Additional site preparation will require extensive earth moving throughout the project area to establish necessary grades for house lots, roads, stormwater drainage and other development infrastructure.

The total area of waters of the State to be impacted is 0.05 acres of seasonal wetlands.

Compensatory mitigation for this project will be attained through the purchase of 0.10 acres of wetland creation credits; 0.05 acres of which have been purchased from the Davis Preserve and 0.05 acres have been purchased from the Hazel Mitigation Preserve. Additional compensatory mitigation has been attained through the purchase of 0.10 acres of wetland preservation credits from the Davis Preserve. Non-compensatory mitigation measures include the use of standard erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) to eliminate or reduce project construction impacts on habitat and waters draining outside the work areas. Post construction stormwater treatment will be achieved using bioswales.

On November 17, 2006, the City of Santa Rosa adopted a mitigated negative declaration for the project in order to comply with CEQA. The Regional Water Board has considered the environmental document and any proposed changes incorporated into the project or required as a condition of approval to avoid significant effects to the environment.

The project is scheduled to begin July 2007 and is planned to last five months. 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.

This is a brief summary of the project; 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.

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