

June 5, 2008

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

Bohemian Club Temporary Swim Deck Project  
WDID# 1B08095WNSO

Sonoma County

On June 2, 2008, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. James Daniel on behalf of the Bohemian Club requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Bohemian Club Temporary Swim Deck Project in Sonoma County. The proposed project will disturb Waters of the State associated with the Russian River and the Russian River Hydrologic Subarea No.114.11.

The proposed project is located at 20601 Bohemian Avenue in Monte Rio, Sonoma County. The purpose of the project is to install a temporary swim deck and changing area on the Russian River, which will be used for approximately three weeks.

The temporary swim deck will be installed between two and three feet from the edge of flowing water. The deck will be constructed on pre-fabricated concrete deck piers. The piers will be set on the natural grade of the gravel bank, with only minor leveling of gravel directly under the pier. Posts will be installed on the piers, and then spanned with redwood girders. Joists will be installed on top of the girders, then a plywood floor. All wood cutting will occur in the construction staging area. A portion of the deck will be cantilevered over flowing water. From this cantilevered portion a ramp will extend down to a floating swim dock. The dock is pre-constructed, and will be supported solely by attachment to the constructed deck.

The construction staging will occur on a permanent dirt road that extends down to the beach area. The staging area will be covered with canvas to contain and collect debris. Silt fences will be installed along the edge of flowing water during deck installation and removal to prevent debris from entering the waterway.

The applicant proposes to construct the deck annually. Construction is expected to begin in mid to late June, the deck will be used for approximately three weeks in June and/or August, and the deck will be removed in August.

All impacts to Waters of the State will be temporary. The deck will stretch approximately 100 feet along the rivers edge. The applicant will seed the permanent dirt road with a native grass mix, prior to October 1, 2008.

The project is exempt from CEQA under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b). The project meets the exemption criteria under title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15303, New Construction. The Regional Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15062 after issuance of an order.

The project is expected to begin June annually and will be completed in August annually. 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](mailto: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.