

July 8, 2008

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

Siskiyou Co. DPW – Canyon Creek Bridge Replacement  
WDID No. 1A02198WNSI

Siskiyou County

On October 28, 2002, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works (applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) for activities related to repairing the abutments of the Boulder Creek Road bridge over Canyon Creek near the confluence of Canyon Creek and Scott River. The Regional Water Board provided public notice (attached) of that application on January 13, 2003 and issued certification on February 14, 2003. The applicant was not able to implement the project before the certification expired.

On April 7, 2008, the applicant submitted a request for renewal of the expired certification. The main difference between the proposed project and the previously approved project is the proposed project includes replacement of the existing steel truss bridge with a rail car bridge. The only other difference is the proposed addition of rock slope protection (RSP) around the gabion baskets to protect the new bridge abutments. The project description and additional information contained in the attached public notice are still applicable. The contact information contained in the last paragraph of the attached public notice is no longer valid.

The existing steel truss bridge rests on deteriorated timber abutments and associated wingwalls. The timber abutments and wingwalls will be removed and new abutments will be constructed in the same location using rock gabion baskets. Concrete caps will be poured on top of the gabion baskets to support the new railcar bridge. The proposed new abutments and RSP have been designed so they will not result any additional areas of permanent impact to the streambank.

The proposed project includes installation of a temporary bridge over Canyon Creek approximately 70' downstream of Boulder Creek Road in order to provide a temporary crossing and access to private property. There will be no disturbance of the stream bed during installation and removal of the temporary crossing. After the new rail car bridge is installed and Boulder Creek Road is reopened for use the temporary bridge will be removed and the approaches will be restored to match the natural surrounding grade. Bridge repair work will occur during this summer or fall when stream levels are low. No work will be performed within the stream channel.

The proposed project will not result in any new permanent impacts to waters of the state. Activities associated with temporary bridge installation and removal will result in 0.0025 acres and 30 linear feet of temporary impacts to the streambank above the line of ordinary high water (non-federal waters). Based on a review of the project information submitted to date, Regional Water Board staff have determined that this

project is categorically exempt from CEQA review (class 1, section 15301 – existing facilities) and anticipate filing a Notice of Exemption for this project.

Regional Water Board staff are 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 submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact staff member Dean Prat at (707) 576-2801 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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January 13, 2003

Public Notice for Section 401 Water Quality Certification

**Siskiyou County Department of Public Works  
Canyon Creek Bridge Abutment Replacement  
WDID No. 1A02198WNSI**

Siskiyou County

On October 28, 2002, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Siskiyou County Department of Public Works requesting Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401, Water Quality Certification for the Canyon Creek Bridge Abutment Replacement project in Siskiyou County. The application was deemed complete on January 2, 2002. The proposed project causes disturbances to waters of the United States associated with Canyon Creek and Scott River Hydrologic Area No. 105.4.

The proposed project is located at Scott Bar in Siskiyou County in Section 27, Township 44 North, Range 11 West, HB&M.

The proposed project will repair both bridge abutments on Canyon Creek Bridge. The deteriorated timber abutments will be replaced by rock gabion structures with concrete caps. Two alder trees will be removed to accommodate the placement of a temporary detour bridge. Removal of the trees does not represent a significant change to the riparian zone. No expansion of the existing use is represented by the project. No work will be performed in the wetted channel of Canyon Creek. The project will have no significant impact on the environment.

The total area of temporary impact is approximately 0.0025 acre. The project will not permanently impact the area. Approximately 30 cubic yards of existing material will be removed and replaced at the site.

Compensatory mitigation is not required for this project. Noncompensatory mitigation measures for this project include performing work during the dry season and implementing construction and post construction Best Management Practices

The California Department of Fish and Game, as the lead agency, has determined that this project is Categorical Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15301, Class 1.

The Canyon Creek Bridge Abutment Replacement project is scheduled to begin August 1, 2003 and end October 15, 2003. Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341). 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 Miguel Villicana at (707) 576-2347, or at [villm@rbl.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:villm@rbl.swrcb.ca.gov) within 21 days of the posting of this notice.