

July 21, 2008

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

**City of Ukiah,  
Seasonal Tributary at Ukiah Municipal Golf Course Project  
Sonoma County (WDID# 1B08053WNME)**

On April 7, 2008, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Guy Mills, on behalf of the City of Ukiah requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Seasonal Tributary at Ukiah Municipal Golf Course Project (Project). The proposed project causes permanent impacts to 0.25 acres of seasonal linear stream bank within the Ukiah HSA Hydrologic Sub Unit No. 114.31.

The proposed project is located at 599 Park Boulevard in Ukiah, Mendocino County, California, (APN No. 001-090-01-00). The latitude and longitude is 39.15319°N and -123.22337°W. The purpose of the project is to conduct compensatory mitigation for failure to comply with effluent limitations as required by Order Nos. 99-65 and R1-2006-0049 (NPDES No. CA0022888), and having received the Discharger's request for the opportunity to implement a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) in lieu of paying the full penalty prescribed. The applicant will install biotechnical erosion control features and widen culverts on an unnamed tributary bank failure thus reducing fine sediment loads that enter Orr Creek.

The proposed project consists of the restoration of a 300' portion of the seasonal tributary that would include restoring capacity and bank stabilization. Restoring capacity will include increasing the size of two culverts and widening a constricted portion of the bank. Secondly, a combination of vegetation and other approved materials will be utilized to shore the banks and stabilize an adjacent upland hillside from which runoff enters. Biotechnical methods may include such measures as brush mattress, vegetative wall, and biodegradable erosion control blankets. Planting of California native trees, plants and shrubs will be an essential part of stabilizing the banks of the channel.

This project is designed to be self mitigating as the bank stabilization and planting will reduce sediment delivery to the creek that may adversely impact salmonids. Future monitoring, maintenance and management of the site after construction are the responsibility of the applicant. An 85% survival rate of all proposed plant species after five years will be implemented. Yearly monitoring reports will be submitted detailing replanting plan status to the Regional Board and other involved agencies.

At a minimum, the following construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be incorporated into the final Project plans in order to reduce and control soil erosion: work in and around waterways will be conducted during the dry season; installation of construction barrier fencing to preclude equipment entry into sensitive areas; installation of silt fencing or fiber rolls to prevent sediment loss from immediate work area. Additionally, all required BMPs shall be on-site and ready for timely deployment, before start of construction activities.

The Seasonal Tributary at Ukiah Municipal Golf Course Project is scheduled to begin in August 2008 and end by October 2008. 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), or Brian Lindell at (707) 576-6732, [blindell@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:blindell@waterboards.ca.gov), within 21 days of posting of this notice.

This is a brief summary of this project; all 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.

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