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

Town of Windsor
Keiser Park Master Plan, Phase 1
WDID No. 1B09006WNSO

Sonoma County

On January 20, 2009, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Ms. Lee Miles Bradford, of ESA Associates, on behalf of the Town of Windsor (Applicant), requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Keiser Park Master Plan, Phase 1 project (Project), located in Sonoma County. The latitude and longitude is approximately 38.547210° N and 122.822002° W. The proposed Project will cause temporary and permanent impacts to 0.25 acres of stream bed and bank within a tributary to Starr Creek, and seasonal wetlands, within the Mark West Hydrologic Unit Subarea No. 114.23, Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.00.

Keiser Park is located within the limits of the Town of Windsor in Sonoma County. The Project involves development of three play fields, a neighborhood playground, and enhancement of the existing facilities, additional parking, and improvements to site traffic circulation routes. One stormwater outfall will be modified and three additional outfalls will be added and installed within the tributary creek. Additionally, a sewer trunk line (and parallel smaller recycled water line) will be installed through the park site as part of Town public works improvements and will connect from Jaguar Way to Windsor River Road. The sewer alignment will begin in the southwest corner of the park site, cross the creek and will proceed north to Windsor River Road following the park road network. The installation of the sewer/water lines will be coordinated with the Phase 1 park improvements. There will be three total phases of the Project; this application is for Phase 1 only. Work will be done during the dry period, with the specific time frame being set by other resource agencies, such as NOAA Fisheries and California Department of Fish and game.

Compensatory mitigation will consist of revegetation of disturbed/impacted areas of the streambed or streambank with native species of grasses, shrubs and trees. Wetlands that will be filled will be mitigated by purchasing wetland mitigation credits from an approved local mitigation bank. For on-site revegetation, monitoring will be necessary for five years, with yearly reports to the Regional Water Board, and shall have at least an 85% survival rate of planted species at the end of five years.

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Post-construction stormwater treatment features will be incorporated to treat stormwater runoff. Landscape based treatment such as bioswales will treat stormwater before it is discharged to the tributary creek.

The Project has applied for a California Department of Fish and Game 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification Number 1600-2009-0020-3.

Applicant has applied for a United States Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Nationwide Permit(s), File Number 2008-00222N.

The Town of Windsor, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this Project qualifies for an Environmental Impact Report, (State Clearinghouse number 2000032102), which was certified by the Town of Windsor pursuant to CEQA, May 22, 2008.

At a minimum, the following construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be incorporated into the final Project plans as appropriate in order to reduce and control soil erosion: work in and around waterways to be conducted only 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; topsoil salvage and reapplication; and seeding and mulching.

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 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 or comments, please contact staff member Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653, or at sbargsten@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 Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.