

September 8, 2009

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

United States Forest Service, Fairview Boat Ramp Upgrade Project
WDID No. 1A05041WNSI

Trinity County

On April 13, 2005, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the United States Forest Service (Applicant) requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) to upgrade and improve the existing Fairview Boat Ramp facility and install additional shoreline erosion protection on Trinity Lake in Trinity County. The Regional Water Board provided public notice (attached) of that application on May 25, 2005. We did not receive any public comments and certification was issued on July 14, 2005. A majority of the project has already been completed. Due to a shortfall in project funds and the water levels in Trinity Lake the Applicant was not able resurface the boat ramp or complete the last 100 feet of the sidewalk and rail system before the certification expired.

On August 24, 2009, the Applicant submitted a request for renewal of the expired certification. The Applicant has been allocated American Recovery and Reinvestment Acting funding to complete the project. No changes will be made to the original project design or construction details. Therefore, the project description and information contained in the attached public notice are still applicable.

Regional Water Board staff are proposing to extend the expiration date of the previously issued certification to July 14, 2010, and continue regulating 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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U.S. Forest Service - Fairview Boat Ramp Upgrade Project
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On April 13, 2005, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereinafter Regional Water Board) received an application from Ms. Mary Ellen Grigsby on behalf of the United States Forest Service (hereinafter applicant), requesting Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) to upgrade and improve an existing boat ramp facility and install additional shoreline erosion protection on Trinity Lake in Trinity County. The proposed work will cause temporary disturbances to Trinity Lake in the Upper Trinity River Hydrologic Area No. 106.40.

The proposed project involves adding a concrete overlay to the existing boat ramp and widening the top of the boat ramp. The project also involves placing additional riprap along the shoreline adjacent to the east side of the boat ramp. Approximately 800 cubic yards of fill and 150 cubic yards of concrete will be used to widen the top of the boat ramp. Approximately 1,580 square feet will be added to the top of the boat ramp. Approximately 750 cubic yards of riprap will be added to the shoreline to prevent additional erosion. The additional riprap will cover approximately 6,140 square feet. The portions of this project (entrance and parking lot grading and paving) that are above ordinary high water are scheduled to begin in July 2005. The boat ramp work is scheduled to start in September 2005, provided that water levels in Trinity Lake are low enough. All work is to be completed by December 2005. Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent impacts to water quality from heavy equipment, pouring concrete near water, and to minimize sedimentation and turbidity. Excess fill and excavated materials are to be removed to appropriate locations above the maximum pool of Trinity Lake.

The applicant has received authorization to perform the project under Nationwide Permit Nos. 3 and 13 from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, pursuant to the Clean Water Act, Section 404. The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this project will have no significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt from CEQA (Class 1, Section 15301 – repair, maintenance and minor alteration of an existing facility involving negligible expansion of use). A Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600 Permit) from California Department of Fish and Game is not required for this project.

Regional Water Board 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 Regional Water Board staff member Dean Prat by phone at (707) 576-2801 or e-mail dprat@waterboards.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.