

February 2, 2010

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

**City of Santa Rosa
Calistoga Road at Badger Road
Left Turn Lane Project
Sonoma County (WDID# 1B09104WNSO)**

On September 1, 2009, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Ms. Sheri Emerson of the City of Santa Rosa requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the City of Santa Rosa, Calistoga Road at Badger Road Left Turn Lane Project in Sonoma County. The proposed project will disturb waters of the State associated with a tributary to Ducker Creek and the Russian River Hydrologic Unit No.114.00.

The proposed project is located on the east side of Calistoga Road with the intersection of Badger Road, latitude 38.483837°N, longitude 122.659092°W, APN 030180015, in Santa Rosa. The purpose of the project is to create a northbound left turn lane intended to improve traffic flow and safety conditions.

The proposed project is to widen the roadway along Calistoga Road at the intersection of Badger Road to accommodate a northbound left turn lane. The widening will include the relocation of an existing concrete headwall located on the east side of Calistoga Road, replacing approximately 300 feet of roadside drainage and repaving a portion of the roadway. The project will affect approximately 5,200 square feet of unpaved area. It will result in the permanent fill of 0.002 acres of jurisdictional roadside drainage. The drainage is located in the public right-of-way adjacent to 1106 Calistoga Road.

Compensatory mitigation for this project will be by planting three trees along Ducker Creek, downstream from the project location, at Rincon Valley Park, adding to an existing mitigation planting at this location.

The City of Santa Rosa, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration with the State Clearinghouse, SCH No. 2009072050, on October 27, 2009, and has recorded a Notice of Determination on November 29, 2009, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

The California Department of Fish and Game has determined that a Streambed Alteration Agreement is not required for this project.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has issued a Section 404, Clean Water Act, NWP 14-Linear Transportation Project permit, on October 1, 2009.

The project is scheduled to begin in June 2010, and last approximately seven weeks. Work will occur during the dry season with a minimum of ground disturbance. Disturbed areas will be seeded with native species once the project is completed. 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 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.

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