

March 3, 2010

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

**Hall T-T, LLC, Larry Levey, Subdivision Project
Sonoma County (WDID# 1B09127WNSO)**

On October 20, 2009, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Thomas Atterbury, Civil Engineer, on behalf of Mr. Larry Levey, Hall T-T LLC, (applicant) requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Hall T-T Subdivision Project in Sonoma County. The proposed project will disturb waters of the State associated with two unnamed creeks tributary to Gird Creek and the Geyserville Hydrologic Sub-unit No.114.25, Russian River Hydrologic Unit No.114.00.

The proposed project is located to the east of Geyserville, at the end of Wilson Road, latitude 38.69645°N, longitude 122.83987°W. The purpose of the project is to subdivide a parcel of 424 acres containing mature vineyard, a looped dirt road, and miscellaneous existing structures into 10 lots with a minimum of 40 acres each in order to sell the lots.

The proposed project is to improve the existing dirt road and replace or extend five culverts and installing ten new culverts. Two of the extended culverts will impact tributary creeks and are subject of the proposed Water Quality Certification. Total new impact from the extended culverts will be approximately 49 linear feet. The Water Quality Certification to be issued for this project is only valid for the culvert replacement and road widening work. It will not authorize construction filling or construction of buildings on the subdivided lots, which may require separate Water Quality Certification. Future lot development and building construction will be required to implement low impact development (LID) techniques for stormwater treatment and management.

Compensatory mitigation for this project will be planting trees within the riparian area near the impacted tributaries. Five trees will be removed within the two culverted areas and will be replaced with 27 trees. These plantings will increase shading, habitat, and organic material delivery to the streams. Riparian plantings will be monitored for five years, require at least an 85% survival rate, and will be reported on annually. Culverts are proposed to be buried a minimum of 25% of their diameter to provide a continual streambed for aquatic species. Replacement of the dirt road by a paved road with stormwater treatment features will reduce sediment delivery to streams.

Non-compensatory mitigation includes implementation of stormwater treatment features for stormwater runoff from the improved road. Current conditions consist of a dirt road; proposed road will be paved asphalt, crowned or out sloped, with elimination of inboard ditches to the greatest extent possible. The majority of the road passes through wooded or vineyard areas and will have vegetated buffer strips at the low side of the road. Erosion control measures will be employed to stabilize and revegetate exposed soils.

The County of Sonoma, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration with the State Clearinghouse, SCH No. 2005112049, on November 17, 2006, and a Notice of Determination was recorded on January 29, 2009, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

The California Department of Fish and Game has issued a Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification Number 1600-2008-0473-3, on January 5, 2009, for this project.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has issued a Section 404, Clean Water Act, NWP 14-Linear Transportation Project permit, on November 23, 2009.

The project is scheduled to be undertaken between May 2010 and October 2010, with work in the stream/riparian corridor happening between June 15, 2010 and October 15, 2010. Revegetation work is not confined to this time period, but must be completed within the year. 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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