

April 13, 2010

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

Sonoma County Regional Parks,  
Spud Point Marina Fuel Dock Repairs Project  
WDID No. 1B08152WNSO

Sonoma County

On October 23, 2008, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Ms. Pamela Higgins of Sonoma County Regional Parks (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for activities associated with repairing damaged and outworn sections of the Spud Point Marina fuel dock facility (Project). Project is located on the fueling dock, Spud Point Marina, 1818 Westshore Road, northwest side of Bodega Harbor, Bodega Bay, latitude 38.330337°N, and longitude 123.058698°W, in Sonoma County. The proposed project will cause temporary impacts to less than 0.1 acres, of harbor area, Bodega Bay Hydrologic Subarea No. 115.22, Bodega Hydrologic Area 115.00.

The Marina is a 1.6-acre facility operated and maintained by Sonoma County Regional Parks as a commercial and small boat sport fishing dock. The facility includes a 24-hour fuel dock, a dump station, a service dock, and a commercial flake ice plant. There are 244 slips that can accommodate boats up to 80-feet in length, and provides electrical hookups, storage box and water at each slip, along with a laundry facility and showers for boating guests. The facility offers a public day-use parking lot, and parking for boat slip occupants.

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace and repair damaged and outworn sections of the Spud Point Marina fuel dock facility. Much of the existing wood siding along the length of the fuel dock is old and rotting, and requires replacement to meet current standards of public health and safety. Some of the metal hardware is also damaged and require replacement. Repair of the fuel dock will provide the opportunity for continued accessible, safe visitor use of the fuel dock and the marina facility.

The Project includes the removal and replacement of all of the dock wood siding, and replacement of the through-rods that hold the dock together. The replacement wood will consist entirely of Douglas fir that has been ACZA (Ammoniacal-copper-zinc-arsenate) pressure treated, kiln dried, and pre-cut. All metal fittings used for repairs will be made of galvanized steel, and all project repair components will be pre-treated and pre-drilled prior to on-site replacement installation. There are no repair or replacement activities proposed for the six existing dock pilings. The Project will also replace pile guides and dock bumpers. Dock will remain open as feasible during repairs. A floating dock for access to the repair areas will be used. A containment ring will be extended from the repair area to prevent sawdust or particulates from entering the water. Project is scheduled to begin in the summer.

All necessary Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be incorporated into the final project plans as appropriate in order to reduce and control any adverse impacts to water quality. Additionally, all required BMPs shall be on-site and ready for timely deployment before the start of construction activities.

Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, issued a Notice of Exemption, 15301 Existing Facilities, on April 4, 2008, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

The California Department of Fish and Game has determined that a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement is not necessary for the Project.

The Applicant has received US Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404 Nationwide Permit number 3, for Maintenance, on October 1, 2008.

Regional Water Board staff are 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, please contact staff member Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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