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

Boonville Forest Fire Station Replacement
WDID No. 1B10058WNME

Mendocino County

On May 24, 2010, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Ms. Jennifer Parson, of Kleinfelder, Inc, on behalf of Mr. William Greenleaf of State of California, Department of General Services (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for activities associated with the Boonville Fire Station Replacement (Project). Project is located directly off of State Route 128, approximately 6 miles northwest of U.S. Highway 101, in the City of Boonville, latitude 38.986292°N, and longitude 123.35162°W, in Mendocino County. The proposed project will cause permanent impacts to approximately 0.0029 acres, of bed and bank of an ephemeral drainage channel that flows into Robinson Creek, tributary to Anderson Creek, and the Navarro River, Navarro River Hydrologic Subarea No. 113.50, Mendocino Coast Hydrologic Area 113.00.

The purpose of the project is to demolish the existing Boonville Forest Station and construct a new two-engine fire station on site. The Project will require grading activities to fill and re-align approximately 225 linear feet of a drainage channel, and an additional approximately 30 linear feet will be subject to disturbance during the extension of an existing culvert to facilitate the widening of the north driveway access to State Route 128. The Project is a developed site, and new structures surfaces proposed with this project would be similar to existing in general area, size and use, creating minimal impact to the amount of impermeable surface area at the site; water quality features will retain the same or better function as existing conditions.

Specifics of the projects include:

- The portions of the drainage channel that will not be filled will be protected with a 5-foot construction buffer setback during site work.
- Disturbed areas of soil will be protected from erosion by application of a native grass/vegetation seed mix and appropriate erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- Work will be done during the dry season, before October 15. If flowing water is encountered during work, it will be made to bypass the work area by use of a coffer dam and bypass pipe. Proper precautions shall be taken to properly move any fish or animals from the work area.
- Mitigation to impacts within waters of the State will be by in-kind restoration and enhancement of water features.

- Fuel tank and chemical storage building to be removed; clean up issues at the site will be handled by appropriate agency.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has filed a Notice of Determination for a Mitigated Negative Declaration with the State Clearing House, SCH No. 2007032160, on May 31, 2007, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

The Applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Game for a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has issued a Section 404, Clean Water Act, NWP 39-Commercial and Institutional Developments Project permit, on March 12, 2007.

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.