

August 18, 2010

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

Burbank Housing Development Corporation
Manzanita Self-Help Home Project
WDID No. 1B10084WNSO

Sonoma County

On July 27, 2010, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Ms. Jane Valerius, on behalf of Mr. Tom Kuhn of Burbank Housing Development Corporation (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 Burbank Housing Development Corporation Manzanita Self-Help Home Project (Project). Project is located at 9950 Los Amigos Road, in the Town of Windsor, latitude 38.5584°N, and longitude 122.8178°W, in Sonoma County, (APN: 161-050-063-000). The proposed project will cause permanent impacts to approximately 0.18 acres of seasonal wetland, within the Mark West Hydraulic Subarea No. 114.23, Russian River Hydrologic Area 114.00.

The purpose of the project is to subdivide a 2.3 acre parcel into twenty-two affordable self-help houses. The proposed project includes the extension of Blasi Drive as well as a new public street running east/west from Blasi Drive to Los Amigos Road. The site contains approximately 0.18 acres of wetland which will be filled and mitigated to accommodate the proposed development.

Compensatory mitigation includes the purchase of 0.2 acres of wetland mitigation and 0.27 acres of endangered plant species habitat mitigation/conservation credits and will comply with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Requirements.

The project will also include the use of post-construction stormwater treatment features and techniques. Techniques will include, regular street sweeping, and Filtera Tree Box Filters. The post-construction stormwater treatment features and techniques are designed to attenuate stormwater runoff to be the same or less than pre-construction amount, infiltrate stormwater on-site, and treat stormwater to remove contaminants from parking lots, roads, and landscaping areas.

The Applicant/Owner is responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the permanent storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs) until such time that the treatment control BMPs are accepted by the Town of Windsor. Once the treatment controls BMPs area accepted by the Town of Windsor maintenance/reporting will be funded through a tax district and performed by Town personnel.

Reports which document maintenance activities must be completed and submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board on a quarterly basis for the first two years

following this project's construction. For the subsequent three years, maintenance reports must be completed and submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board on a semi-annual basis. After five years, Applicant/Owner shall prepare semi-annual reports and keep them on file for a period of at least five years.

The Town of Windsor, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse, (State Clearing house No. 200806216), on July 7, 2008, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

The Applicant has received a Construction Storm Water Permit, WDID No. 149C35829, from the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality, on June 15, 2010.

The Applicant has applied to the US Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit.

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.