

August 18, 2010

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

California Department of Transportation  
Highway 1 – Repair Slipout (Deer Trail) Project  
WDID No. 1B10016WNSO

Sonoma County

On February 22, 2010, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), requesting Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities related to the proposed Highway 1- Repair Slipout (Deer Trail) Project (project). Additional project information was received on August 10, 2010. The proposed project will cause disturbances to Waters of the United States (U.S.) and Waters of the State associated with intermittent coastal streams located within the Mendocino Coast Hydrologic Unit No.113.00 (Gualala Hydrologic Area 113.85).

The proposed project is located on Highway 1 at post mile (PM) 57.18, in Sonoma County. The purpose of the proposed project is to repair and upgrade the roadway and drainage facilities that were damaged due to culvert failure. Caltrans proposes: repairing one culvert; installing rock slope protection; excavating and reconstructing the roadway embankments; paving the roadway; and applying erosion control to stabilize slopes. The proposed project will result in temporary and permanent impacts to waters of the U.S and Waters of the State.

The proposed project will result in temporary and permanent impacts to waters of the U.S and Waters of the State. Caltrans has determined the temporary impacts to streams identified as Waters of the U.S. and State would total approximately 435 feet<sup>2</sup> (30 linear feet). The proposed project would result in 480 feet<sup>2</sup> (24 linear feet) of permanent impacts to streams identified as Waters of the U.S and State.

Caltrans will utilize Best Management Practices (BMPs) to provide erosion control and pollution prevention throughout the project area during construction. All disturbed soil areas affected by the construction activities will be stabilized and/or replanted with appropriate native vegetation and monitored to ensure success.

The proposed project will be conducted in summer months during low flow conditions. The proposed project is scheduled to be conducted between June 2011 and October 15, 2011. The entire project is expected to take two months to complete and all project activities will be conducted between May 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Caltrans has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform the project under their Nationwide Permits No. 3 (maintenance) pursuant to Clean Water Act, section 404. Caltrans has determined that this project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review (Class 1 Categorical

Exemption). In addition, Regional Water Board staff also determined that this project is categorically exempt from CEQA review (Class 1 Categorical Exemption) and anticipates filling a Notice of Exemption

Regional Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all phone calls and comments submitted in writing and received within 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 Jeremiah Puget at (707) 576-2835 or [jpuget@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jpuget@waterboards.ca.gov) within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

The information contained in this public notice is only a summary of the applicant's proposed road construction activities. The application for Water Quality Certification in the Regional Water Board's file contains additional details about the proposed project including maps and design drawings. The related documents and comments received are on file and may be reviewed 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.