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

Cloverdale Fire Station Replacement
WDID No. 1B10057WNSO

Sonoma 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 Cloverdale Fire Station Replacement (Project). Project is located at the corner of Shady Lane and South Cloverdale Boulevard, west of U.S. Highway 101, in the City of Cloverdale, latitude 38.788805°N, and longitude 123.016856°W, in Sonoma County. APN number 116-320-006. The proposed project will cause permanent impacts to approximately 0.0007 acres of ephemeral drainage. The existing culvert will be extended onto the project site and water will be redirected into a newly constructed storm drain under the development. Geyserville Hydrologic Subarea No. 114.25, Russian River Hydrologic Area 114.00.

The purpose of the project is to demolish the existing Cloverdale Fire Station building and associated structures, and the construction of a new two-engine fire station on site. The existing site drainage will be re-routed from artificial substrate above ground ditch system to a standard storm drain system. Two concrete drop inlets, amounting to 4.7 cubic yards of fill will disturb 0.0007 acres. The two inlets will collect drainage that enters the site at the southwest corner plus storm water collected in the open stone feature along the southern property boundary. The inlets will discharge to 90 feet of 15 inch storm drain directed diagonally under the new site plan to discharge into the ditch parallel to Shady Lane which connects to the city storm drain system under Cloverdale Boulevard.

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 and water quality 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.
- The project site is an open Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) site; County of Sonoma, Department of Health is the lead agency. Proposed project shall avoid areas of concern; area of former LUST will be a paved surface.
- An existing septic system and leach field at the eastern edge of the project site is proposed to be abandoned under permit and the project site would subsequently be connected to City of Cloverdale sewage system.
- The proposed project includes plans to properly abandon and cap the on-site domestic well during project construction. Domestic water for the project site will be provided by the City of Cloverdale.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, 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, NWP39-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.