

February 28, 2011

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

Town of Windsor Shiloh Road Improvements Project
Town of Windsor
WDID No. 1B04050WNSO
Sonoma County

On January 10, 2010, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Ms. Heidi Utterback of Coastland Civil Engineering, on behalf of the Town of Windsor (applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, water quality certification for proposed activities associated with the Town of Windsor Shiloh Road Improvements Project (project). The proposed project will cause disturbances to approximately 0.044 acres, 182 linear feet, of waters of the United States and waters of the State associated with Pruitt Creek, tributary to Mark West Creek, within the Mark West Creek Hydrologic Subarea No. 114.23, Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.00.

The proposed project is located at Pruitt Creek, on Shiloh Road, between Highway 101 and Conde Lane, latitude 38.525756°N, longitude 122.795977°W, Town of Windsor, in Sonoma County.

The primary purpose of the proposed project is to replace an existing box culvert bridge with a wider pre-cast arch culvert bridge to accommodate a wider roadway. This project is associated with the previous project of road improvements and two arch culverts being installed on Conde Lane.

Construction is expected to take approximately 120 days and is planned for the low-flow season, June 15 to October 31. If any water flow is present during the construction period, appropriate methods will be taken to bypass flow around the work area.

The proposed project includes roadway improvements including widening and expansion of roadway segments, new traffic lanes, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, drainage facilities, utilities, street lights and landscaping. The Shiloh Road drainage improvements include the removal of one concrete box culvert bridge, and construction of a new concrete arch culvert within Pruitt Creek. Other improvements include road widening to 66 feet in width, with 4 lanes separated by a 12 ft wide median. The bridge construction area will be bypassed by a temporary road and creek crossing on the south side of Shiloh Road. After completion of the new bridge, the temporary road area will be restored.

Compensatory mitigation for the project includes purchase of wetland credits from a certified wetland mitigation bank, and implementation of riparian habitat restoration along the adjacent reaches of Pruitt Creek and adjoining riparian areas.

Non-compensatory mitigation for this project includes re-vegetation of disturbed areas, as appropriate, and the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for sediment and

turbidity control, and cement containment, to ensure that materials do not enter the waterway.

The applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform the project pursuant to Clean Water Act section 404. The applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Game for a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement. The Town of Windsor has submitted a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2002092051) for a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, January, 2004, in order to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. The Regional Water Board will consider the environmental document and any proposed changes incorporated into the project or required as a condition of approval to avoid significant effects to the environment.

The information contained in this public notice is only a summary of the applicant's proposed activities. The application for Water Quality Certification in the Regional Water Board's file contains additional details about the proposed activities including maps and detailed design drawings. The application and Regional Water Board file are available for public review.

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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