

February 26, 2013

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

City of Crescent City– Waterfront Revetment Repair
WDID No. 1A13003WNDN

Del Norte County

On January 24, 2013, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the City of Crescent City (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with repairing the rock slope protection (RSP) revetment that protects Beachfront Park and the Shoreline RV Park from erosion. The proposed project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with Crescent City Harbor and the Pacific Ocean in the Smith River Plain Hydrologic Subarea No. 103.11.

In March 2011, a tsunami struck the Crescent City Harbor and damaged the existing revetment that protects the shoreline from high tides and winter waves. The revetment has been undermined and the RSP materials have slipped onto the adjacent beach. The revetment has lost its original shape and grade, and no longer adequately protects the adjacent Beachfront Park and the Shoreline RV Park developments.

Proposed activities involve recovering the displaced RSP materials that have slipped onto the beach and placing the materials back onto the existing revetment structure. Additional one-ton to two-ton rock riprap will be trucked to the site to fill in gaps. Heavy equipment will drive along the adjacent beach to recover the displaced RSP materials and reconstruct the revetment. All fill materials associated with the revetment repairs will be placed above the mean high tide line.

The proposed revetment repair project will result in 900 linear feet of permanent impacts to waters of the United States. All permanent impacts are associated with repairing and restoring the original footprint of the existing shoreline revetment. The proposed project will not result in new permanent impacts to waters of the United States. The proposed project will result in temporary impacts to 900 linear feet and 9,000 square feet of shoreline adjacent to the revetment. Compensatory mitigation is not required for the proposed project and temporary impacts to the beach are expected to be restored by subsequent high tide events. Noncompensatory mitigation includes implementation of Best Management Practices for use of heavy equipment on the beach.

The Applicant has obtained authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform the project under Nationwide Permit No. 3 (Maintenance), pursuant to Clean Water Act, section 404. The California Coastal Commission determined that the proposed development is exempt from the Coastal Act's requirement for securing a coastal development permit. A Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Game is not required. The Applicant determined that this project is statutorily exempt from CEQA review (Section 13269 - Emergency Projects). Regional

Water Board staff have determined that this project is categorically exempt from CEQA review (Class 1, Section 15301 – existing facilities) and anticipate filing a Notice of Exemption for this project. The proposed project is expected to begin in June 2013 and may take up to four months to complete.

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 project including maps and photos of the project areas. 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 Dean Prat at (707) 576-2801 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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