

June 14, 2013

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

City of Point Arena
Port Road Drainage Rehabilitation
WDID No. 1B12178WNME

Mendocino County

On September 12, 2012, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the City of Point Arena (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with improving drainage on Port Road for the purpose of improvement of public safety. The proposed project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with Point Arena Creek, in the Mendocino Coast Hydrologic Unit, Garcia River Hydrologic Area No. 113.70. The Project is located at latitude 38.910114°N, and longitude 123.699555°W. Permanent impact to riparian wetlands is approximately 0.0003 acres/3 linear feet, temporary impact to approximately 0.0168 acres/175 linear feet of riparian/seep wetlands.

The proposed project involves the repair of a structural failure and installation of an under drain and outfall on Port Road. The section of roadway has experienced repeated failures due to water entering the roadway's structural section which results in road damage. The resulting damage forces traffic into oncoming lanes and poses additional hazards to cyclists and pedestrians attempting to use the bike lane.

The project site is approximately 250 feet long and spans the width of the existing road (approximately 30 feet wide). The eastern edge of the project site is approximately 200 feet west of the intersection of Port Road and Bluff Top Road. Excavation of the roadway section will be approximately 30'x30'x10'; for the cross culvert and terminal risers and 80'x3'x10' for the under drain component, for a total of approximately 300 cubic yards. The new 15" cross culvert and outfall will convey water into a rock slope protection (RSP) basin which drains to Point Arena Creek. The RSP basin will be approximately 3'x3'x1'. The project will be designed to avoid direct fill, sedimentation and/or erosion into Point Arena Creek. Additional work includes cleaning out the roadside ditch along the northern side of the roadway and minor vegetation clearing in order to install the RSP basin.

The project is planned to commence between October 1st and November 30th, to avoid the breeding and dispersal season of the Point Arena Mountain Beaver. Work is planned to last 15 days.

Mitigation includes decreased sediment delivery to the creek from the eroding bank and street. It is expected that impacted areas will naturally revegetate and regain wetland characteristics within several years.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform the project under Nationwide Permit 14 for Linear Transportation Projects, pursuant to Clean Water Act, section 404. The Applicant has also applied to California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a Streambed Alteration Agreement.

The City of Point Arena, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and filed it with the State Clearinghouse (SCH 2013032009) on March 4, 2013, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

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. 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.