

June 24, 2013

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

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Inglenook Fen – Ten Mile Dunes Natural Preserve Dune Rehabilitation
WDID No. 1B12169WNME

Mendocino County

On August 27, 2012, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) for activities related to the proposed Inglenook Fen – Ten Mile Dunes Natural Preserve Dune Rehabilitation (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the State, associated with Fen and Inglenook creeks within the Mendocino Coast Hydrologic Unit.

The proposed Project is located within MacKerricher State Park, in Mendocino County. The purpose of the Project is to restore dune and wetland ecosystem processes in the Inglenook Fen – Ten Mile Natural Preserve. The scope of the project, within jurisdictional waters, is to remove two culverts and road bed material to restore creek bed, bank, channel and vegetation.

The Project is within the Noyo watershed in the Mendocino Coast Hydrologic Unit. The Noyo River Watershed listed on the CWA section 303(d) list as impaired for sediment and temperature. However, the Project site topography directs storm water to the Pacific Ocean and does not drain to the Noyo River or an Area of Special Biological Significance.

The proposed Project would restore approximately 1.4 acres of wetlands and 0.17 acres of Waters of the US by the permanent removal of approximately 4,700 cubic yards of roadway fill. The proposed Project is mitigation for the following Caltrans projects: *Seaside Beach Roadside Repair (EA 47490)*; *Anchor Bay Drainage Repair (EA 44650)*; *SR 128/253 Culvert Rehabilitation (EA 37812, 37813, 37814, 37816, 37817)*; and *Men 20 Left Turn and Shoulder Widening (EA 29200)*.

Project implementation is proposed between 2013 and 2014 (estimated duration of approximately 45 days). Instream work would be limited to the dry season, between June 15 and October 15. The Project may involve the use of temporary coffer dams to dewater the channel for culvert removal.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to Clean Water Act, section 404. The Applicant has also applied to California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a Streambed Alteration Agreement. Additionally, the applicant has applied to the County of Mendocino for a Coastal Development Permit (CDP_2012-0012).

On December 20, 2012, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, acting as lead agency, certified a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project in order to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (State Clearing House No. 2012052022). The Regional Water Board has considered the environmental documentation, including any proposed changes, and would incorporate any avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures into the Project certification to avoid significant effects to the environment.

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 Gil Falcone at (707) 576-2830 or Gil.Falcone@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 activities. The Regional Water Board's project file includes the application for certification and additional details of the proposed Project, including maps and design drawings. Project documents and any 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.