

December 5, 2013

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

**Yreka City Oberlin Trail Site Development
WDID No. 1A13115WNSI**

Siskiyou County

On August 14, 2013, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from City of Yreka (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Yreka City Oberlin Trail Site Development Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with Yreka Creek, a linear water course within the Klamath River Hydrologic Unit No. 105.50. The Project is located at 220 East Oberlin Road, Yreka, Siskiyou County. The north end of the project site is located at latitude 41.721111°N, and longitude 122.637778°W and the south end of the project site is at latitude 41.716°N, and longitude 122.636°W. Permanent impact to waters of the United States would be approximately 0.25 acres of wetlands and 52 linear feet of streambed. Temporary impacts to waters of the United States would be approximately 0.39 acres of wetlands and 15 linear feet of streambed.

The primary purpose of the Project is to install recreational improvements throughout the 16 acre site including: surfaced trails, bridges and seasonal crossings, picnic tables, a parking lot for access as well as widening and restoring the Yreka creek floodplain. The proposed Project includes surfacing approximately 2,240 linear feet of existing trail, construction of approximately 1,725 linear feet of new trail, installation of approximately 125 linear feet of free span bridge and construction of approximately 6,000 square feet of asphalt parking lot and create an approximately 600-foot vegetated bioswale to capture and infiltrate storm water.

The proposed Project includes mitigation for the impacts to wetlands and stream bank including restoration of approximately 1.5 acres of floodplain through site re-contouring flood constrictions, lowering ground elevations to approximately 1-2 feet above Ordinary High Water and installing in-stream rock vanes for grade control and habitat pools. Additionally, a revegetation plan submitted by the applicant includes planting approximately 600 locally propagated native riparian plants, controlling non-native plants, maintenance and monitoring of the planting to ensure success criteria are met. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The Project is planned for summer-fall 2014. Work is planned to last approximately 120 days.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 permit. Additionally, the applicant has

applied to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a Streambed Alteration Agreement (No. 1600-2013-0242-R1).

The City of Yreka, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has produced a Mitigated Negative Declaration and filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2012122023), 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 or Gil Falcone at (707) 576-2830 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.