

December 13, 2013

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

Griffin Bridge Scouring Protection Project
WDID No. 1A13129WNSI

Siskiyou County

On September 23, 2013, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Siskiyou County, Ms. Kyla Burton (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for activities associated with the Griffin Bridge Scouring Protection Project (Project). The proposed Project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States (U.S.) and the State associated with the Scott River, a linear water course within the Klamath River Hydrologic Unit, Scott Valley Hydrologic Sub-Area 105.42. The Project is located approximately at Griffin Bridge on Eller Lane, Etna, CA at latitude 41.519344°N, and longitude 122.851058°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. would be approximately 35 linear feet, approximately 525 square feet. Permanent impact to waters of the State would be approximately 35 linear feet, approximately 525 square feet.

The primary purpose of the Project is prevent bridge failure and to ensure public safety. The Project includes public safety improvements to bridge abutments using Rock Slope Protection (RSP). Using an excavator located at the top of the stream bank and within the dry channel, the Applicant proposes to place approximately 48 cubic yards of RSP at each bridge abutment. The excavator will place the RSP along the abutments and no digging or excavating will occur in the channel.

The Applicant proposes to incorporate willow sprigging within the RSP to aid in structural stability along the abutments and provide overhanging shade. No vegetation is proposed to be removed during the Project. The Project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The Project is planned to take place in the summer - fall of 2014. Work is proposed to last for approximately 1 - 2 days.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 permit (File No. 2013-00320N). Additionally, the applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. 1600-2013-0263-R1).

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, 15301 (c) Existing Structures, and will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse concurrent with issuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification, 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 notice 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.