

December 20, 2013

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

Oxford Suites/McDonald's Project  
WDID 1B13146WNSO

Sonoma County

On December 2, 2013, the North Coast Regional water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Edmund Wadson, Oxford Hotel Group (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 Oxford Suites/McDonald's Project (project). The proposed project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with a swale in the Upper Laguna de Santa Rosa hydrologic sub-area, 114.21. The project is located at 67 Golf Course Drive West in Rohnert Park, CA, at latitude 38.363867°N and longitude 122.716153°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 0.02 acres or 290 linear feet.

The purpose of the project is to build a five story hotel and fast food restaurant with parking for both. The project will involve permanently filling 0.02 acres or 290 linear feet of jurisdictional swale. The east side of Dowdell Avenue will be widened and sidewalks will be constructed in areas around the buildings and on the edges of the site. Storm water runoff will be collected and treated by 1,100 linear feet of vegetated swales before being released into the storm drainage system. Filterra tree wells will also be utilized.

To mitigate for the permanent loss of 0.02 acres of wetlands, mitigation credits will be purchased at a 1:1 ratio. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. The project is planned to begin in March 2014 and may last 12-16 months.

The applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 permit. The applicant has confirmed that a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will not be required.

On September 23, 2008, the City of Rohnert Park, acting as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, filed a notice of determination with the state clearinghouse, declaring that an environmental impact report had been approved for the project (SCH# 1998072036). The notice of determination was received by the state clearinghouse on September 26, 2008.

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. 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 Kaete King at (707) 576-2848 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653.

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