

March 5, 2014

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

Englund Marine Dock Repair Project
WDID No. 1B14011WNHU

Humboldt County

On February 20, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from The City of Eureka (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 Englund Marine Dock Repair (Project). The proposed Project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States (U.S.) associated with the Wetlands on Humboldt Bay within the Eureka Plain Hydrologic Unit 111.00. The Project is located approximately #1 Commercial Street, Eureka, CA at latitude 40.804722°N, and longitude 124.174444°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. would be approximately 6.6 square feet.

The primary purpose of the Project is to repair the existing fuel dock, and to improve safe access to and from the dock for small boats with the addition of a small floating dock. The goal of the project is to restore this dock to a safe condition. The scope of the Project includes replacing five damaged dock pilings at low tide using new sleeves to create new concrete pilings. Additionally, six new concrete pilings will be added to replace missing pilings. The pilings are proposed to be vibrated 15 – 18 feet into the substrate using a vibratory hammer. Once the pilings are in place water inside the pilings will be extracted and concrete will be pumped into the pilings.

Compensatory mitigation is not required for this project. The Project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. A catch basin and controlled concrete filling techniques will be used to prevent concrete discharge to the Bay.

The Project is planned to begin March of 2014. Work is proposed to last for approximately 10 days.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404 permit and has been issued a Nationwide Permit No. 3 (File No. 2014-00049).

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, had determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, 15301 (d) Existing Facilities, 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.

The Project is scheduled to start as soon as possible to reduce public safety and water quality issues associated with the threat of the fuel dock instability on Humboldt Bay. Under Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 3858(a): "The executive director or the executive officer with whom an application for certification is filed shall provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application, unless the public notice requirement has been adequately satisfied by the applicant or federal agency. If the applicant or federal agency provides public notice, it shall be in a manner and to an extent fully equivalent to that normally provided by the certifying agency. If an emergency requires that certification be issued in less than 21 days, public notice shall be provided as much in advance of issuance as possible, but no later than simultaneously with issuance of certification." Due to the nature of public safety and water quality issues associated with this project, 401 Water Quality Certification will be issued during the 21-day public comment period. If you have any questions, please contact staff member Gil Falcone at (707) 576-2830 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.