

September 9, 2014

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

Lands of Erwin P. Reinecke Revocable Living Trust Septic Transmission Line Project
WDID 1B13148WNSO

Sonoma County

On December 3, 2013, the North Coast Regional water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from John Reinecke (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 Lands of Erwin P. Reinecke Revocable Living Trust Septic Transmission Line Project (project). The proposed project would cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the state associated with an unnamed tributary to the Lower Russian River (114.11). The project is located at 1100 Milk Barn Road, Healdsburg, at latitude 38.374650°N and longitude 122.473924°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 13 square feet or 12.5 linear feet. Temporary impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 0.01 acres or 41 linear feet.

The purpose of the project is to install a new septic transmission line to serve the existing residences and horse boarding facility on site. The project involves trenching through two streams, installing the pipe, backfilling with native material, and restoring the banks to original contours. The project will also involve installation of temporary 10-foot wide gravel crossings through the two streams.

Due to the minimal permanent impacts of the project, no compensatory mitigation is proposed. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. Project activities will not occur during the wet season months of October 15 through May 15, and may commence this year.

The applicant has received Clean Water Act Section 404 authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (file number 2013-00018N). The applicant has also received a final Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (notification number 1600-2013-0451-R3).

The North Coast Regional Water Board, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, 15304(f): Minor Alterations to Land, 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. 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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