

February 4, 2015

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

**Allen Family Vineyards Streambank Restoration Project
WDID 1B14131WNSO**

Sonoma County

On December 22, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Ann Allen (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 Allen Family Vineyards Streambank Restoration 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 6700 Westside Road in Healdsburg, at latitude 38.529697°N and longitude 122.865119°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the United States and state would be approximately 0.041 acres and 80 linear feet.

The purpose of the project is to stabilize approximately 80 feet of eroding streambank on a tributary to the Russian River and prevent further erosion. The project will use bioengineering techniques to stabilize the streambank, including installation of live willow walls and willow mattresses. Where boulder bank stabilization is used, live willow brush layers will be planted. Additionally, two cross channel structures will be installed, using 6-inch to 12-inch quarry rock.

Because the project will utilize bioengineering techniques, including extensive planting of willows, that will result in increased shading and reduced sediment delivery from the failing streambank, no additional mitigation is required. The project will employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction. The project is expected to commence in the summer of 2015 and to last approximately 3 weeks.

The applicant has applied for Clean Water Act Section 404 authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The applicant has also applied for a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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

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