

June 23, 2015

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

**Sonoma County Fleet & Materials Lab Facility Relocation & Russell Avenue
Improvements Project
WDID No. 1B15050WNSO**

Sonoma County

On June 18, 2015, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the Sonoma County General Services Department, Ray Glanton (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities associated with the Sonoma County Fleet & Materials Lab Facility Relocation & Russell Avenue Improvements Project (Project). The proposed Project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and the State associated with a wetland vegetated roadside ditch that drains to Santa Rosa Creek within the Middle Russian River Hydrologic Unit No. 114.22. The Project is located at 709 Russell Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, at latitude 38.4692111°N and longitude 122.7278056°W. Permanent impacts to waters of the state include approximately 0.028 acres of wetlands.

The primary purpose of the Project is to construct a new Fleet Services facility within the existing County Center. The current Fleet Services facility is to be demolished so a new State courthouse can be constructed.

The proposed Project's mitigation plan includes the purchase of mitigation credits to address the consequential permanent impacts. The Project proposes to employ best management practices to prevent or reduce any discharges during and after construction.

The Project is planned to begin in the summer of 2015, with construction work planned to last approximately 12 months.

The Applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act, section 404. The Applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to obtain a Streambed Alteration Agreement.

On April 15, 2015, the County of Sonoma, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, proposed a Notice of Exemption and filed with the State Clearinghouse, 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 Jake Shannon at (707) 576-2673 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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