

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Certification and Wetlands Program

Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple RWQCB jurisdictions.

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

Applicant: None (State Water Board is acting on its own motion)

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Project Name: Clean Water Act, section 401 Water Quality Certification Order for "Small Habitat Restoration Projects"

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Project Description: The State Water Board proposes to certify, with technical conditions, discharges which are (1) dredge or fill materials regulated under Clean Water Act section 404, and (2) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the categorical exemption at Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 15333, "Small Habitat Restoration Projects". This new exemption can be accessed at

http://ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/.

Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.