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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 5, 2014

Mr. Robert Roach  
PacifiCorp Energy  
925 South Grape Street, Building 5  
Medford, OR 97501

Dear Mr. Roach:

**Subject:** Notice of Applicability (NOA) for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects SB12006GN

**File:** Iron Gate Hatchery Ladder Entrance Maintenance Project  
WDID No. 1A14085WNSI, ECM PIN No. CW-808900

On August 29, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects (General 401 Order) for the Iron Gate Hatchery Ladder Entrance Maintenance Project (Project). The Project is located on the Klamath River, Middle Klamath River Hydrologic Unit 105.37, Iron Gate Hydrologic Sub-Area. The Project site is located on the Klamath River, at the bottom of the Iron Gate hatchery fish ladder, Siskiyou County, 8638 Lakeview Road, Hornbrook, California. Coordinates of the Project are latitude 41.9296° N, and longitude 122.4431° W. Regional Water Board staff has determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, is categorically exempt from CEQA review (section 15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects) and meets the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

Project Purpose and Description:

The purpose of the Project is to improve fish habitat and passage for Coho salmon through removal of sediment at the entrance to the fish ladder at the Iron Gate fish hatchery. The Project includes dewatering the pool at the bottom of the fish ladder under the supervision of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Project involves removal of approximately 15 cubic yards of sediment that is currently impairing fish passage at the ladder. The sediment will be removed from waters and placed at an upland site. Project totals of temporarily impacted area approximately 0.005 acres and 16 linear feet of waters of the US, river bed. The Project shall be constructed and maintained as described within application materials. The Project is expected to be implemented during the fall of 2014 or 2015 depending on permitting.

Receiving Water: Klamath River, Middle Klamath River Hydrologic Unit  
105.37, Iron Gate Hydrologic Sub-Area

Filled / Excavated Area: Permanent Area Impacted: None  
Temporary Area Impacted: 0.005 acres river bed

Total Linear Impacts: Length Permanently Impacted: None  
Length Temporarily Impacted: 16 linear feet river bed

Latitude/Longitude: 41.9296° N, 122.4431° W

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General 401 Order. Please be advised that coverage under this General Order requires that Monitoring Reports be submitted documenting the achievement of performance standards and project goals. As per the NOI, a report will be submitted April the year following excavation activities. A Notice of Completion (NOC) shall be submitted by the applicant no later than 30 days after the project has been completed. A complete NOC includes as a minimum: photographs with a descriptive title, the date the photograph was taken, the name of the photographic site, the WDID number and ECM PIN number indicated above and success criteria for the project. The NOC shall demonstrate that the Project has been carried out in accordance with the Project description as provided in the applicants NOI. Please, include the project name, WDID number and ECM PIN number with all future inquiries and document submittals. Document submittals shall be made electronically to: [NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov)

Please call Gil Falcone at (707) 576-2830 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by Fred Blatt for*

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Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer

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Weblink: The State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order For Small Habitat Restoration Projects SB09016GN can be found here:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/general\\_orders/shrpcert032713.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/general_orders/shrpcert032713.pdf)

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