
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 4, 2016

California Department of Transportation
Attn: Mr. Kevin Church
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Mr. Church:

Subject: Amendment to the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401, Water Quality Certification for the Big Lagoon Walls Storm Damage Repair Project

Files: CDOT Highway 101 Big Lagoon Walls Storm Damage Repair Project
ECM PIN CW-818406, WDID No. 1B15134WNHU
Caltrans EA No. 01-0B430

On April, 22, 2016, we received your email requesting an amendment to the March, 24, 2016, Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) for the Big Lagoon Walls Storm Damage Repair Project (Project).

In response to your request, this letter serves as an amendment to Project-Specific Condition 1 and Standard Conditions 29 and 30, of the certification. Condition 1 has been amended to adjust for mitigation completion and report submittal. Conditions 29 and 30 have been removed from the certification because these conditions do not apply to Project low impact discharges. The certification is hereby amended as described below. Additions and deletions to the original certification are represented by underlined and strikethrough text, respectively.

Condition 1: Caltrans ~~has~~will removed 2000 feet of ac-dike and over-side drains to allow 1.9 acres of impervious pavement area to sheetflow onto an existing vegetated hillside in Del Norte County on State Route 101 PM 4.4 - 9.4 (Klamath Capital Maintenance Project). 0.35 acres of treatment credit from the Klamath Capital Maintenance Project shall be applied to mitigate for storm water runoff pollutants associated with the Project's new and reworked impervious areas. The Klamath CAPM shall be completed by

October 2017. A Certificate of Environmental Compliance shall be submitted by October 2017, following the completion of the Klamath CAPM Project.

Condition 29: ~~This certification will be subject to annual billing during the construction phase (“Annual Active Discharge Fee”) and during the monitoring phase of the Project (“Annual Post Discharge Monitoring Fee”), per the current fee schedule, which can be found on our website: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/water_quality_certification.shtml. These fees will be automatically invoiced to Caltrans.~~

Condition 30: ~~Caltrans has removed 2000 feet of ac-dike and over-side drains to allow 1.9 acres of impervious pavement area to sheetflow onto an existing vegetated hillside in Del Norte County on State Route 101 PM 4.4 - 9.4 (Klamath Capital Maintenance Project). 0.35 acres of treatment credit from the Klamath Capital Maintenance Project shall be applied to mitigate for storm water runoff pollutants associated with the Project’s new and reworked impervious areas.~~

I hereby issue an amendment to the project description in Condition 1, Condition 29, and Condition 30 in the Conditions of the certification for the Big Lagoon Walls Storm Damage Repair Project (WDID No. 1B15134WNHU) certifying that the remainder of the Water Quality Certification sections of the March 24, 2016 Order are still valid.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Brandon Stevens at (707) 576-2377 or at Brandon.Stevens@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer