

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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Project Name: California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) 2010
Fisheries Restoration Grant Program Project (FRGP) (FILE
NO. SB09006IN)

Project Location: Various (see Attachments C and D)

Type of Project: Fisheries Restoration Grant Program

Project Description: CDFG, through the FRGP, uses funds mandated to restore degraded anadromous fish habitat in coastal streams for a variety of salmonid habitat restoration projects. The FRGP manages an annual grant cycle initiated in the spring of each year. The purpose of the program is to restore anadromous fisheries habitat in non-tidal reaches of rivers and streams, improve watershed conditions impacting salmonid streams, and improve the survival, growth, migration, and reproduction of anadromous fish. Restoration projects must be consistent with the procedures found in CDFG's "California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual".

Proposed program activities are designed to restore salmon and steelhead habitat with the goal of increasing populations of wild anadromous fish in coastal streams and watersheds. Habitat restoration activities and practices include fish passage projects, bank stabilization treatments, road decommissioning or upgrade, and replacement or modification of culverts that are barriers to fish passage. Road crossings that have impeded fish migration will be replaced with bridges or culverts with natural stream bottoms allowing fish access to additional stream reaches. Some structures would be designed to reduce sedimentation, protect unstable banks, stabilize existing slides, provide shade, and create scour pools. Other watershed improvement activities include installation of fish screens to prevent entrainment of juvenile salmon and steelhead. Proposed structures would provide predator escape and resting cover, increased spawning habitat, improved

upstream and downstream migration corridors, improved pool to riffle ratios, and additional habitat complexity and diversity.

The Restoration Program involves funding, in whole or in part, 118 habitat restoration projects. Of the 118 restoration projects, 49 projects (as listed in Attachment C) are funded and covered under this water quality certification.

CEQA:	CDFG, as lead agency, filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) for the FRGP with the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2010012057) on February 26, 2010. State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff have reviewed and considered the environmental documents and the proposed mitigation measures. The State Water Board has determined that the project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.
Federal Agency Permit(s):	FRGP operates Regional General Permit (RGP) Number 12 (Corps File Number: 27922N) issued by the San Francisco District of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
State Agency Permit(s):	DFG -1600 permits
Receiving Waters/ Hydrologic Units:	Refer to 2010 FRGP Project List (Attachment C)
Impacted Waters:	<u>Permanent Impacts</u> Streambed: 1.836 acres <u>Temporary Impacts</u> Streambed: 39,326.2 linear feet Riparian: 79.97 acres (43,519.5 linear feet)
Non-Compensatory Mitigation:	A combination of avoidance and minimization measures is proposed to offset potential effects of project construction to wetlands and waters of the U.S. All feasible and practical measures will be undertaken to avoid and/or minimize impacts to waters during construction. All restoration projects funded by FRGP will be conducted based on DFG's <i>California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manuals</i> (Flosi et al 1998, 2003 and 2006), and mitigation measures described in the MND for the 2010 FRGP.
Compensatory Mitigation:	The FRGP will restore salmon and steelhead habitat. A gradual rebuilding of salmon and steelhead populations is expected as this program continues.

- Public Notice: In satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which governs the State's Certification Program, a Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification for the subject project was posted on the State Water Board website on May 19, 2010.
- Fees: On April 7, 2010, a check from the CDFG in the amount of \$640.00 was received by the State Water Board in payment of required fees associated with this permit application.