

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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Project Name: Department of Fish and Game-2009 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP) Southern Project (File No. SB09004IN)

Project Location: Various (see Attachment C)

Type of Project: Fisheries Restoration Grant Program

Project Description: The 2009 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program, formally known as "The 2009 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program in Del Norte, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Marin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Siskiyou, and Sonoma Counties" (Restoration Program). The Restoration Program involves funding, in whole or in part, 117 habitat restoration action items [49 major, 1 minor, and 67 non-physical California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempt items] in the ten identified counties. Of the 49 major action items, a total of 6 projects (as listed in Attachment C) funded through the FRGP and allied programs will be located in the Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and will be covered under this 401 Certification. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issued separate 401 Certification (File No. SB09002IN, dated Aug. 5, 2009) for the remaining FRGP projects covered in the mitigated negative declaration (MND) that require 401 Certification.

CEQA: On February 25, 2009, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), as lead agency, filed a notice of determination (NOD) (SCH# 2009052026) for the FRGP in accordance with CEQA. 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 78 (Corps File Number: SPL-2003-01123-BAH) issued by Los Angeles District of USACE.

State Agency Permit(s): CDFG -1600 permits
 Receiving Waters/ Refer to 2009 FRGP Southern Project List (Attachment C)
 Hydrologic Units

Impacted Waters: Temporary Impacts
 Streambed: 0.0 acres
 Riparian: 1130 linear feet

Permanent Impacts
 Streambed: 0.0207 acres
 Riparian: 5250 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 *California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manuals* (Flosi et al 1998, 2003 and 2006), and mitigation measures described in the MND for the 2009 FRGP.

Compensatory Mitigation: The Restoration Program will restore salmon and steelhead habitat. Activities will include re-vegetation, livestock exclusion fencing, riparian planting, barrier removal, bank stabilization and other bank protection structures, and decommissioning of roads and improving drainage systems on existing roads. Instream structures such as boulder clusters, wing deflectors, and log cover may also be used. 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. Finally, other watershed improvement activities include installation of fish screens to prevent entrainment of juvenile salmon and steelhead. These actions create spawning and nursery habitat, provide escape cover, and prevent fine sediments from entering streams. 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 Web site on August 4, 2009.

Fees: On June 25, 2009, a check from DFG in the amount of \$640.00 was received by the State Water Board in payment of required fees associated with this permit application.