
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
San Francisco, CA 94123
Attn.: Mr. Darren Brown, Transportation Planner
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Subject: Amendment to Water Quality Certification for the Wetland and Creek Restoration at Big Lagoon Project, Marin County

Dear Mr. Brown:

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) Executive Officer certified the Wetland and Creek Restoration at Big Lagoon Project (Project) on July 22, 2009 (Certification). On May 14, 2014, the Water Board received a request from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (Applicant) to amend the Water Quality Certification (Amendment) for the Project to include construction of a new bus stop and connector path.

Amended Work: Construction of the bus stop includes widening the highway shoulder, installing a box culvert that will span an existing intermittent tributary to Redwood Creek and serve as a pedestrian platform and boarding deck, installing 125 feet of retaining walls, and building a stair and accessible ramp trail connector to the existing Redwood Creek trail.

Impacts: Indirect impacts to waters of the State could result from accidental releases of debris, sediment, and construction materials during construction.

The Certification identified 0.3 acre of permanent and 3.0 acres of temporary fill impacts to wetlands. The amended work will permanently impact an additional 25 linear feet and 0.007 acre of intermittent creek by covering it with a box culvert and an additional 0.019 acre of wetlands.

Mitigation: To avoid and minimize water quality impacts from construction activities, the Applicant will implement appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) as required by the Certification.

The Project restored about 5,930 linear feet and 4.1 acres of creek and about 0.82 acre of tidal lagoon and created about 1.14 acre of ponds thereby more than offsetting impacts associated with the amended Project description.

Amendment to Certification: We have reviewed the supplemental information and determined that the amended work will not violate State water quality standards as described. Accordingly, this letter amends the Water Quality Certification for the Project to add the construction of a new bus stop and connector path. All conditions in the Certification dated July 22, 2009, remain in effect (see enclosure).

Please be advised that failure to meet any condition of a certification may subject you to civil liability imposed by the Water Board to a maximum of \$5000 per day of violation or \$10 for each gallon of waste discharged in violation of the certification. Also, any requirement for a report made as a condition to this action is a formal requirement pursuant to CWC Section 13267, and failure to submit, late or inadequate submittal, or falsification of such technical report(s) is also subject to civil liability pursuant to CWC Section 13268.

We anticipate no further action on this request. However, should new information come to our attention that indicates a water quality problem with this project, the Water Board may issue Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to 23 CCR Section 3857.

If you have any questions, please contact Xavier Fernandez of my staff at (510) 622-5685 or by e-mail at xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Bruce Wolfe
Executive Officer

Encl: Water Quality Certification – Wetland and Creek Restoration at Big Lagoon, Muir Beach, Redwood Creek Watershed, Marin County

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