**REGULATORY PROGRAM**

**PERMIT ACTION**

**Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant**

APPLICANT: The Dutra Group

CORPS FILE NUMBER: SPN-2003-281040

AREA: 3355 Petaluma Boulevard South in the City of Petaluma, Sonoma County, California

DESCRIPTION: The proposed Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant project is new asphalt plant that would include associated stockpiles of rock, sand, and recycled asphalt used to produce finished products located on three parcels totaling approximately 35 acres in Petaluma, Sonoma County, California. The new asphalt plant, which would be located on the northern portion of the property, would consist of a six product cold feed basin assembly, a 400 ton per hour counter flow drum mix assembly, twin oil storage tanks, four 100 ton storage silo assemblies, a heating oil plant, and a truck scale. An operator’s compartment and electrical motor control would also be incorporated into the plant, along with a small office complex consisting of a reception and weigh-master area, operations office, and conference room. A conveying system would be erected to transport materials from the existing Landing Way off-load facility to the plant site. Interim trucking of materials to the site would occur for three years while the conveyor system is constructed.

Construction of the project would require the discharge of approximately 23,770 cubic yards of material, resulting in the permanent loss of 1.84 acres of seasonal wetlands. The proposed project has been designed to avoid most of the approximately 12.5 acres of jurisdictional waters of the U.S. by locating the plant in the northern portion of the project site. The applicant is proposing on-site mitigation that includes re-establishment (2.66 acres), restoration (0.02 acre), enhancement (8.27 acres), and preservation (0.90 acre) of waters of the U.S.

PRIMARY ISSUE: The Public Notice was issued on September 15, 2015 with an initial 30-day comment period, which was subsequently extended two times with the applicant being notified. Over 110 comments were received, mostly in opposition to the project, due to concerns with the impact on the environment including aquatic resources.

STATUS: Comments were sent to the applicant on December 3, 2015, and the applicant requested suspension of processing of the permit for an additional 30 days to provide time to prepare an appropriate response to the comments. The Corps has requested a revised 404(b)(1) alternatives analysis that includes more details on evaluation criteria, other sites reviewed and reasons why they did not meet the project purpose/need, and on-site configurations that were reviewed and why there were deemed not practicable also. A revised alternatives analysis has been provided the by applicant on October 13, 2016, and is currently under review. In addition, the Corps has requested additional information for the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan to determine if it is appropriate compensatory mitigation for the project, which is currently under review.

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