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Regulatory Division (SPK-2020-00348)

Lassen County Public Works
Attn: Mr. Dave Ernaga
707 Nevada St, Suite 4
Susanville, California 96130
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Dear Mr. Ernaga:

We are responding to your April 29, 2020, pre-construction notification for two Department of the Army (DA) permits for the Hackstaff Road Bridges project. The overall project includes the following single and complete projects: Bridge 1, and Bridge 2, as shown in the *Scope of Analysis*, dated August 18, 2020 (Enclosure 1). The two project sites are located on Long Valley Creek, Section 17, Township 25 North, Range 17 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian Latitude 40.026455°, Longitude -120.09642°, in Lassen County, California.

Based on the information you provided to this office, the Hackstaff Road Bridges project involves the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S. for the construction of two bridges and restoration of the decommissioned bridge area, subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The specific activities that require DA authorization are the construction of the abutments and placement of rock slope protection (RSP) for the two new bridges on a different alignment. The applicant would also install sheet piles within Long Valley Creek to temporarily dewater. Once all construction activities for the new bridges are complete the applicant would will demolish the existing bridges and associated abutments below the ordinary high water mark, and the applicant will then stabilize the disturbed embankment with rock slope protection and plant willow stakes. The permanent and temporary losses for each project are listed below:

Bridge 1: Bridge 1 will result in the permanent loss of approximately 0.02 acre of perennial stream, and 0.07 acre of marsh. Permit area 1 would also result in the temporarily loss of approximately 0.16 acre of perennial stream.

Bridge 2: Bridge 2 will result in the permanent loss of approximately 0.05 acre of perennial stream. Permit area 2 would also result in the temporarily loss of approximately 0.16 acre of perennial stream.

The proposed activities would be conducted in accordance with the, *Long Valley Creek Bridges 7C-12 and 7C-81 on Hackstaff Road in Lassen County* plans dated February 18, 2020, prepared by the County of Lassen.

We have determined that activities in waters of the U.S. associated with the project are authorized by Nationwide Permit Number (NWP) 14, *Linear Transportation Projects*. However, this authorization is denied without prejudice until water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act has been issued or waived for the activities requiring a permit from this office. Once you receive water quality certification or waiver thereof, the activities are authorized and the work may proceed subject to the conditions of water quality certification, and the terms and conditions of the NWP.

You must comply with all terms and conditions of the NWP and applicable regional conditions. Enclosed is information about the NWP terms and conditions and Sacramento District regional conditions for California, excluding the Lake Tahoe Basin/Nevada (Enclosure 2). You should pay particular attention to General Conditions 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 25, 27, 29, and 30, and Regional Conditions C(3), C(4), C(5), C(7), C(8), and C(9). In addition, your work must comply with the following special conditions:

1. Prior to initiation of construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this verification, you shall notify this office in writing of the anticipated start date for the work. No later than 10 calendar days following completion of construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this verification, you shall notify this office in writing that construction activities have been completed.

2. You shall comply with all terms and conditions of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

Within 30 days after completion of the authorized work, you must sign the enclosed Compliance Certification and return it to this office with the information required by Sacramento District Regional Condition C(9) for California.

This verification is valid until March 18, 2022, when the existing NWPs are scheduled to be modified, reissued, or revoked. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date the NWP is modified, reissued, or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification, reissuance or revocation to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions. Failure to comply with the general and regional conditions of this NWP, or the project-specific special conditions of this authorization, may result in the suspension or revocation of your authorization.

We would appreciate your feedback on this permit action including your interaction with our staff and processes. For more information about our program or to complete our Regulatory Program national customer service survey, visit our website at www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2020-00348 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 310 Hemsted Drive, Suite 310, Redding CA, 96002, by email at *Matthew.J.Roberts@usace.army.mil*, or telephone at (530) 223-9538.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Roberts
Senior Project Manager
CA North Section

Enclosures

cc (w/o encls):

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Ms. Tiffany Racz, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

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COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Permit File Name: Hackstaff Road Bridges

Action ID: SPK-2020-00348

Nationwide Permit Number: 14, *Linear Transportation Projects*

Permittee: Lassen County Public Works
Attn: Mr. Dave Ernaga
707 Nevada St, Suite 4
Susanville, California 96130

County: Lassen County

Date of Verification: August 27, 2020

Within 30 days after completion of the activity authorized by this permit, sign this certification and return it to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Sacramento District
310 Hemsted Drive, Suite 310
Redding CA, 96002
DLL-CESPK-RD-Compliance@usace.army.mil

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit your authorization may be suspended, modified, or revoked. If you have any questions about this certification, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced permit, including all the required mitigation, was completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit verification.

Permittee Signature

Date