

Public Notice Announcing the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Development**

**City of Trinidad: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Water & Environmental Program, USDA

**ACTION:** Notice of Finding of an Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the RUS, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by City of Trinidad of Trinidad, California. The proposal is for construction of storm water treatment facilities in the City of Trinidad, located within the eastern portion of Underwood Drive, the western portion of Edwards Street, the western portion of Van Wycke Street, Ewing Street and in portions of the harbor parking area. City of Trinidad has submitted an application to RUS for funding of the proposal.

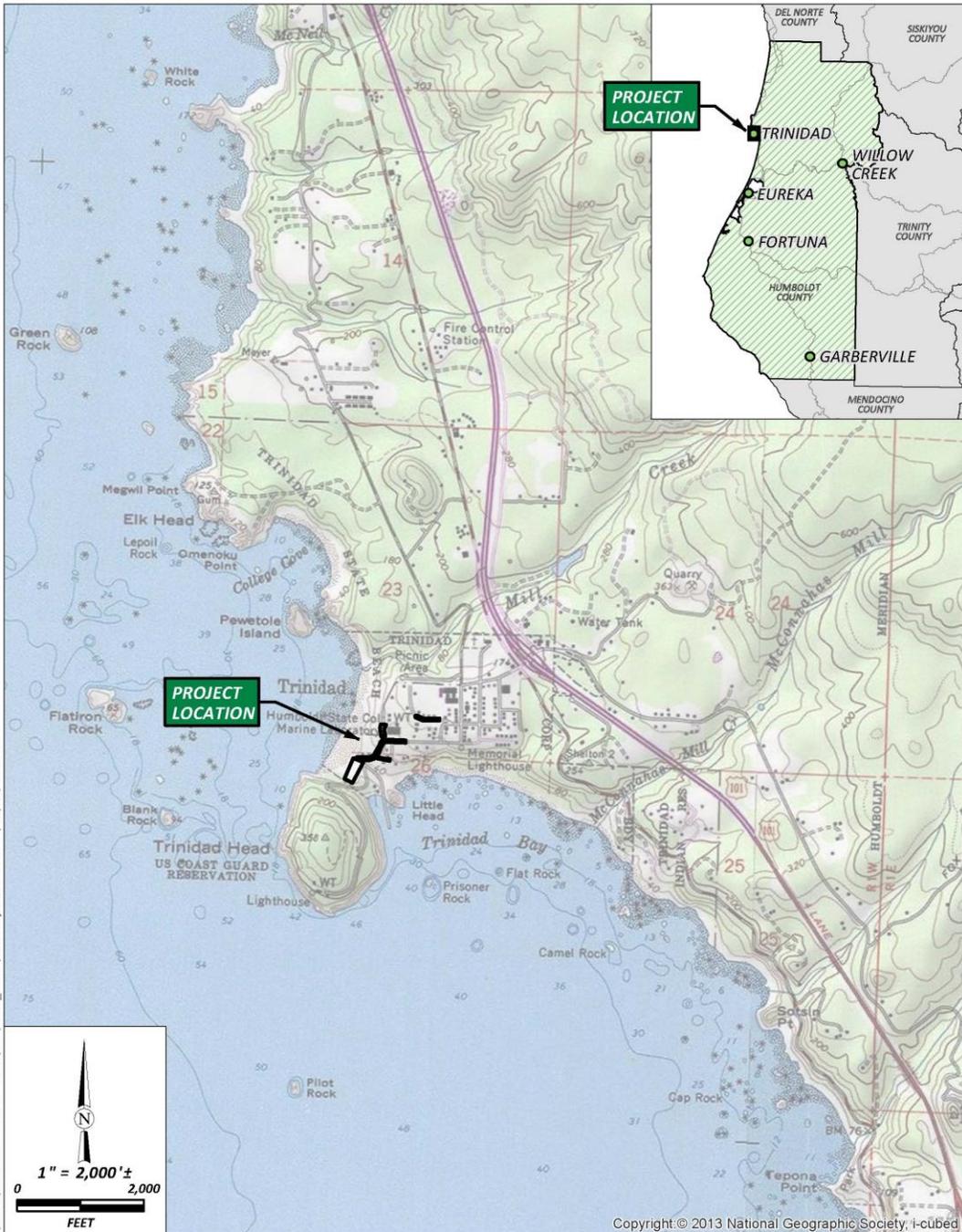
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Quinn Donovan, Area Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 777 Sonoma Avenue, E Street Annex, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, (707)-536-0248, [Quinn.Donovan@ca.usda.gov](mailto:Quinn.Donovan@ca.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** City of Trinidad proposes to decommission the existing stormwater outfall and replace it with a system of localized stormwater treatment chambers and infiltration basins to reduce polluted stormwater discharge into the Trinidad Head Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS).

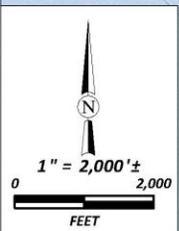
SHN Engineers & Geologists, Inc., an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures. A general location map of the proposal is shown below.



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	<b>City of Trinidad</b> <b>ASBS Storm Water Improvement Project: Phase 2</b> <b>Trinidad, California</b>		<b>Project Location</b>  SHN 018073
	July 2018	SWP2_Fig1_ProjectLocation	Figure 1

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