



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; MERITAGE HOMES, PANHANDLE 105 PROJECT (WDID#5A34CR00845A1), SACRAMENTO COUNTY

This Order responds to the 6 March 2023 request for an amendment of the Panhandle 105 Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5A34CR00845). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 19 August 2022. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

Meritage Homes is requesting a change to the required mitigation methods from purchasing National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) In-Lieu Fee Program credits to purchasing mitigation bank credits from Elsie Gridley Mitigation Bank. The change was authorized by the United States Army Corps of Engineers on 2 March 2023.

The Certification is amended as shown below:

VII.K.3 Total Required Compensatory Mitigation

- a. The Permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation for the authorized impact to 1.3 acre of wetland by purchasing 1.3 vernal pool mitigation credits from the Elsie Gridley Mitigation Bank

Table 2: Total Required Project Compensatory Mitigation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area

Aquatic Resource Type	Mitigation Type	Units	Est.	Re-est.	Reh.	Enh.	Pres.	Unknown
Vernal Pool	Mitigation Bank Credits	Acres						1.3

ATTACHMENT B

Mitigation Bank Compensatory Mitigation Site Information

Table 3: Mitigation Bank

Mitigation Bank Name:	Elsie Gridley Mitigation Bank
Website:	Elsie Gridley Mitigation Bank (res.us) (https://res.us/projects/elsie-gridley-mitigation-bank/)
Mitigation Bank Contact Name:	Peggy Lee
Phone:	916.698.8488
Email:	plee@res.us
Mitigation Location - County:	Solano
Latitude:	121°49'15"
Longitude:	38°16'22"

Table 4: Mitigation Type Information

Aquatic Resource Credit Type	Acres	Linear Feet	Number of Credits Purchased
Vernal Pool	1.3		

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$2,417.00 for the original Certification were received on 4 March 2022. An additional fee of \$25,590.00 based on total Projects was received on 7 July 2022. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3383(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), as was calculated as category A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Panhandle 105 Project (WDID#5A34CR00845A1). All other conditions and provisions of the original Water Quality Certification and any previously approved amendments remain in full force and effect, except as modified based on the conditions of this Order. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the original Water Quality Certification, previously approved amendments, or of this Order may result in suspension or revocation of the Water Quality Certification.

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