



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Sacramento, CA 95825

NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AMENDED ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS FILE# SB12006GN FOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION LOWER CLEAR CREEK FLOODPLAIN AND STREAM CHANNEL RESTORATION PROJECT, PHASE 3C – INITIAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, SHASTA COUNTY, WDID NO. 5A45CR00587

This letter is to certify small habitat restoration activities for the Lower Clear Creek Floodplain and Stream Channel Restoration, Phase 3C – Initial Vegetation Management Project in Shasta County under the State Water Resources Control Board Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File# SB12006GN.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Lower Clear Creek Floodplain and Stream Channel Restoration, Phase 3C – Initial Vegetation Management Project (Project) is to enhance floodplain and stream channel habitat that is degraded by historic mining, and sediment depletion associated with Whiskeytown Dam. The Project will remove selected vegetation and plant native willows and cottonwoods. Soil disturbance and leveling will occur below mean high water mark during vegetation removal and planting. A beaver dam will also be breached and drained. Disturbed soil and sediment will be retained in the planting areas and stabilized with native vegetation. The overall goal is to restore and enhance riparian and channel habitats. The Project will benefit threatened salmon and steelhead through improved spawning and rearing conditions.

| Impacts to Aquatic Resources | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Aquatic Resource Type | Temporary Impact | | Permanent Impact | |
| | Acres | Linear Feet | Acres | Linear Feet |
| Stream Channel | 1.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A |

KARL E. LONGLEY SCD, P.E., CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FINDINGS OF APPLICABILITY

This letter serves as formal notice that Order No. SB12006GN is applicable to this vegetation management project. Your waste discharge identification (WDID) number is 5A45CR00587.

REPORTING

A Notice of Completion (NOC) shall be submitted by the applicant no later than 30 days after the work has been completed. The NOC shall demonstrate that the work has been carried out in accordance with the description provided in the applicant's Notice of Intent.

Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of Order No. SB12006GN ***may expose Bureau of Reclamation to enforcement action pursuant to the Clean Water Act and California Water Code.***

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Coster at (530) 224-2437, lynn.coster@waterboards.ca.gov, or the footer address.

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Enclosure: Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File# SB12006GN

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