
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, SHERMAN ISLAND "LITTLE BAJA AND MANZO RANCH" FISH RELEASE SITES PROJECT (WDID#5B34CR000062A1), SACRAMENTO COUNTY

This Order responds to the 15 August 2016 request for an amendment of the Sherman Island "Little Baja and Manzo Ranch" Fish Release Sites Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5B34CR00062). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 30 December 2014. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

The Department of Water Resources is requesting to modify the Certification due to an error in the specified turbidity limits for the Project. The turbidity limits in the Certification do not reflect the correct turbidity limits for a project located within Delta waters as specified in the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River*, Fourth Edition, revised April 2016 (Basin Plan).

The Certification is amended in underline/strikeout format as follows:

8. Activities shall not cause turbidity increases in surface water to exceed:
 - (a) where natural turbidity is less than 1 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs), controllable factors shall not cause downstream turbidity to exceed 2 NTU;
 - (b) where natural turbidity is between 1 and 5 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 1 NTU;
 - (c) where natural turbidity is between 5 and 50 NTUS, increases shall not exceed 20 percent;
 - (d) where natural turbidity is between 50 and 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 NTUs;

- (e) where natural turbidity is greater than 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 percent.

~~Except that these limits will be eased during in-water working periods to allow a turbidity increase of 15 NTU over background turbidity as measured in surface waters 300 feet downstream from the working area.~~ In determining compliance with the above limits, appropriate averaging periods may be applied provided that beneficial uses will be fully protected. Averaging periods may only be assessed by prior permission of the Central Valley Water Board.

For Delta waters, the general objectives for turbidity apply subject to the following: except for periods of storm runoff, the turbidity of Delta waters shall not exceed 50 NTUs in the waters of the Central Delta and 150 NTUs in other Delta waters.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fees were required for this amendment. Total fees of \$6,408.00 for the original Certification were submitted to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board as required by §3833(b)(3)(A) and by § 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

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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 Sherman Island "Little Baja and Manzo Ranch" Fish Release Sites Project (WDID#5B34CR00062A1). 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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