



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SODA SPRINGS REHABILITATION PROJECT EA-1H990 PROJECT (WDID#5A31CR00593A1), PLACER AND NEVADA COUNTY

This Order responds to the 2 January 2025 request for an amendment of the Soda Springs Pavement Rehabilitation Project (EA-1H990) (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5A31CR00593). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 7 April 2023. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is requesting a change to the Project scope. The modification is needed to include activities at a culvert location that was unintentionally left out of the original application.

The Certification is amended to include the following Project activities:

Caltrans is installing mammal shelving within the reinforced concrete box culvert that conveys the Yuba River to encourage wildlife connectivity (Bridge # 17-0073R NEV, post mile 2.63R). Although animals will likely not be utilizing this structure during high flows, the shelving will allow small mammals to use the structure to get across the highway during moderate flows and depths. Dewatering may be necessary for installation. No fill or excavation in aquatic resources will occur at this location.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from 24 January 2025 to 14 February 2025. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Soda Springs Pavement Rehabilitation Project (EA-1H990) Project (WDID#5A31CR00593A1). 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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