
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AMERICAN RIVER WATERSHED, CALIFORNIA, FOLSOM DAM RAISE PROJECT (WDID#5A34CR00923), SACRAMENTO COUNTY

On 8 July 2025, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 25 February 2022 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2021 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order) for the American River Watershed, California, Folsom Dam Raise Project (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity will take place within less than 0.03 acre/415 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #3 (Maintenance Activities), subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Order webpage and is enclosed.

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 8 July 2025, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 0.03-acre Project consists of reinforcing the guide beams and corbels of the upstream side of the Main Dam (Folsom Dam). This work will be broken into Phase I and Phase II based on schedule needs and to minimize in-water work to the greatest extent. Phase I of this activity would reinforce the corbels on piers 7, 8, and 9. The existing bolts, 12 per corbel, would be removed, the holes drilled larger, and new bolts installed with a grout or epoxy material. Phase II of this design will require all the same work as Phase I on the remaining piers but will also include the addition of a supporting baseplate welded below the existing corbel. Both phases may be completed in the water with divers. This phase also includes the reinforcement of the guide beams on Piers 2 through 8 (7 total). Metal sheeting will be welded to the center of the guide beams to reinforce them.

The Project will permanently impact 0.03 acre/415 linear feet and have negligible temporarily impacts to waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Latitude: 38.707615° and Longitude: -121.156421°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Winter 2025 through Spring 2027

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

Federal dischargers involved in Dredge and Fill Operations only are not subject to permit fees as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Jenna Yang by phone at (916) 464-4764 or by email at Jenna.Yang@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Board Certification of the 2021 Nationwide Permits General
Water Quality Certification and Order

Attachment: Figure 1 – Project Site Map

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Figure 1: Project Site Map

