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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

23 September 2025

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ORDER FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS STATEWIDE (ORDER NO. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ), WESTERN SHASTA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ROCK CREEK CULVERT REMOVAL AND FISH PASSAGE PROJECT (WDID NO. 5A45CR00676), SHASTA COUNTY**

On 5 August 2025, Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (Applicant) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under State Water Resources Control Board's Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ (Statewide Restoration General Order) for the Rock Creek Culvert Removal and Fish Passage Project (Project). After review of the NOI 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 the Statewide Restoration General Order.

This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued at the request of Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (hereinafter Enrollee) under the Statewide Restoration General Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations. Although the Statewide Restoration General Order may also serve as a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification, this NOA is being issued solely as waste discharge requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code, § 13000 et seq.)

**NOA Effective Date:** 23 September 2025

**NOA Expiration Date:** 23 September 2030

A copy of the Statewide Restoration General Order is enclosed. You may also access the Statewide Restoration General Order on State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders Web Page: [Order WQ 2022-0048-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wq2022-0048-dwq.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/water\\_quality/2022/wq2022-0048-dwq.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wq2022-0048-dwq.pdf)).

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the Statewide Restoration General Order. Failure to comply with this NOA and the Statewide Restoration General Order constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action and/or termination of enrollment under the Statewide Restoration General Order. The Project is described in the NOI Form requesting coverage and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the Statewide Restoration General Order is no longer valid if the Project is modified from that described in the Application Package.

## **I. Public Notice**

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 8 August 2025 to 29 August 2025. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

## **II. Project Description**

The project proposes the removal of two 12-foot diameter by approximately 320 linear-foot long culverts and channel-spanning fill material to remediate the risk of the crossing completely failing. The crossing is an abandoned railroad grade that was used for construction of Shasta Dam. The culverts failed following the 2018 Carr Fire and subsequent major winter storms beginning in January 2019 which resulted in increased run-off intensity and severe degradation of the crossing. The project includes the restoration of natural stream conditions at the site, including recontouring stream elevations and redistribution of existing boulder materials as needed to improve hydraulic function through the excavated reach. All removed fill material and culvert sections will be hauled to a proper off-site waste disposal or storage site.

## **III. Project Location**

County: Shasta County

Latitude: 40.615163° and Longitude: -122.463021°

## **IV. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information**

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fifth Edition, February 2019 (Basin Plan). The plan for the region and other plans and policies may be accessed at the [State Water Resources Control Board's Plans and Policies Web page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans\\_policies/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/)). The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking,

and sanitary purposes. This NOA promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

Project impact and receiving waters information can be found in Attachment B. Table 1 of Attachment B shows the receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the state impacted by the Project. Individual impact location and quantity are shown in Table 2 of Attachment B.

## **V. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State**

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition.

**Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts**

<b>Aquatic Resources Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Cubic Yards</b>	<b>Linear Feet</b>
Streambed/Stream bank	0.36	1,097	437

## **VI. Project Schedule**

The Project is estimated to occur between August and October of 2025.

## **VII. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061.

Specifically, the issuance of this order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects, which consists of projects not to exceed five acres to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

## **VIII. Fees Received**

An application fee of \$1,123.00 was received on 20 August 2025. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and was calculated as D - Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

## **IX. Findings of Applicability**

This letter serves as formal notice that Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ is applicable to this habitat restoration project. Your waste discharge identification (WDID) number is 5A45CR00676.

## **X. Conditions**

The Enrollee shall comply with all applicable conditions of the Statewide Restoration General Order, including but not limited to the following:

### **A. Reporting and Notification Requirements**

#### **1. In-Water Work and Diversions:**

The Enrollee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in flowing or standing water or stream diversions. Notification may be via email, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

## **XI. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact**

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Jerred Ferguson at (530) 224-4784 or [Jerred.Ferguson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jerred.Ferguson@waterboards.ca.gov).

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO

For Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

9/23/2025

Date

**Attachment A:** Project Maps

**Attachment B:** Receiving Waters, Impacts, and Mitigation Information

**Attachment C:** CEQA Findings of Facts

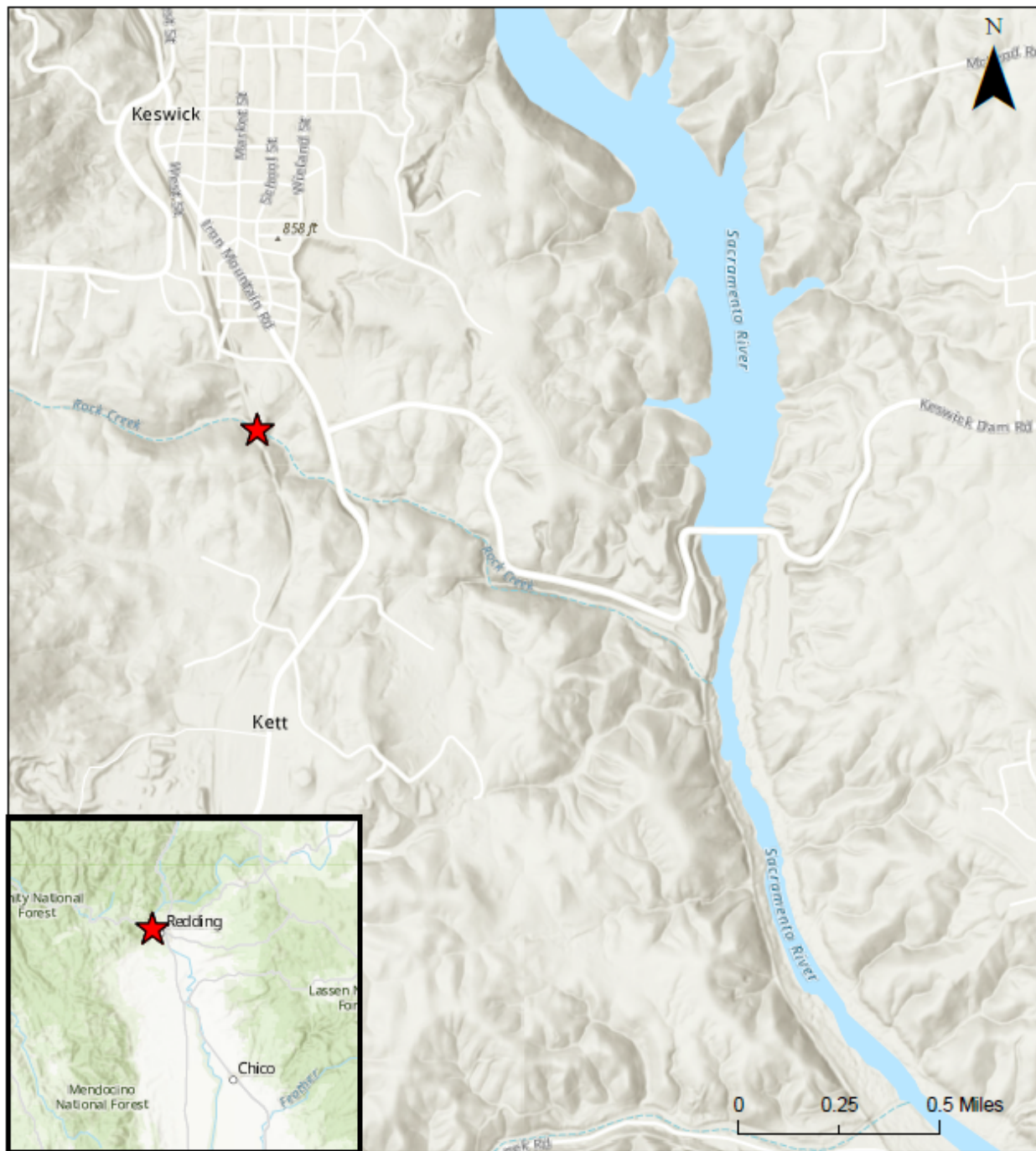
Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ

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## Attachment A – Project Maps

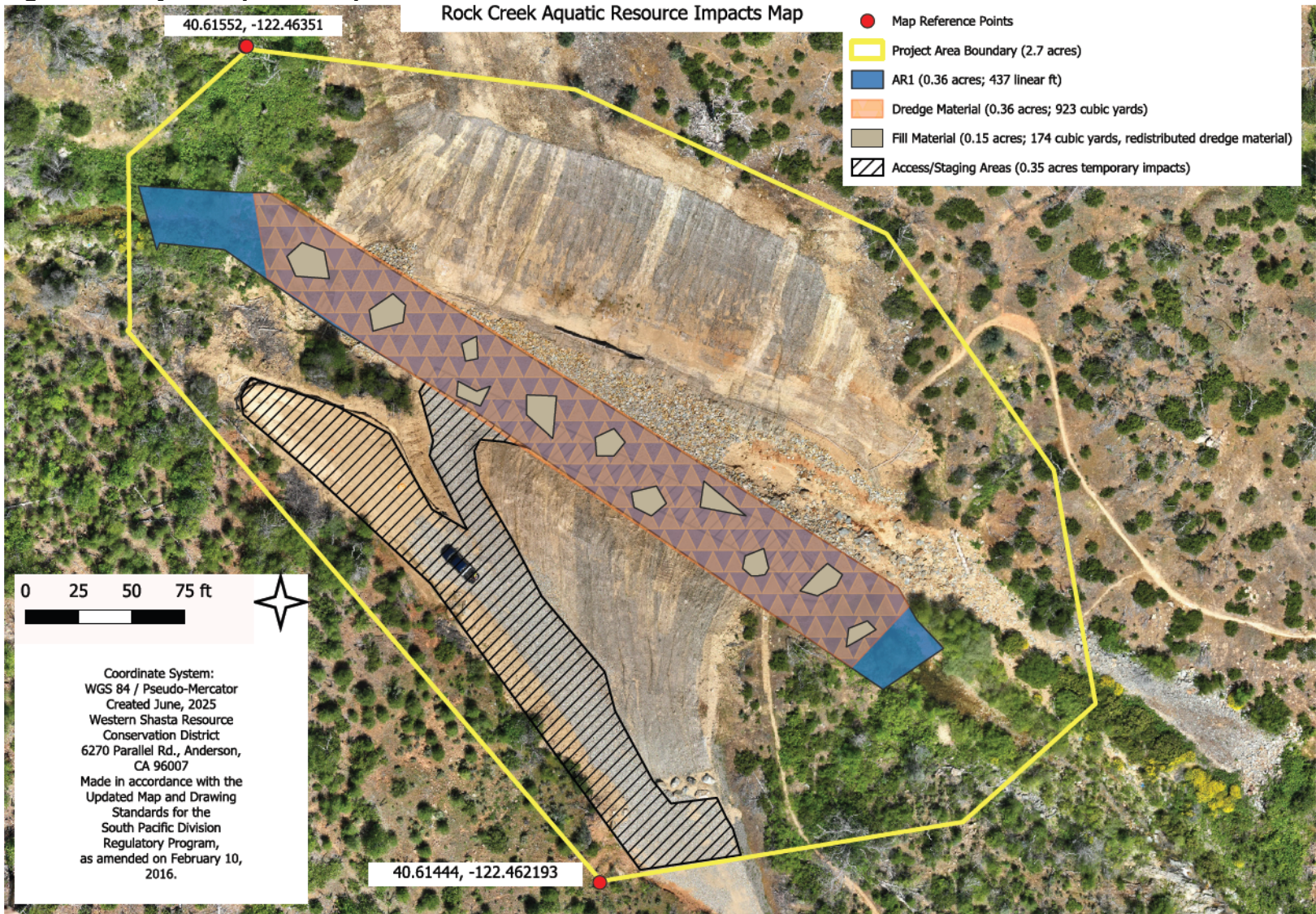
Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map



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Figure 2. Project Impacts Map



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### Attachment B – Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

**Table 1: Receiving Water Information**

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resources Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Rock Creek Culvert Removal and Fish Passage Project	Rock Creek	Stream Channel	524.40	Sacramento River (Shasta Dam to Colusa Basin Drain)	MUN, AGR, IND, POW, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD, NAV	N/A	N/A

#### Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following table shows individual impacts.

**Table 2: Individual Permanent Fill/Excavation Impact Information**

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Rock Creek Culvert Removal and Fish Passage Project	40.615163	-122.463021	No	0.36	1,097	437

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### **FINDINGS FOR CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT**

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061.

Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

Additionally, the Central Valley Water Board concludes that no California Code of Regulations, title 14, section exceptions to the CEQA exemption apply to the activities approved by this Order.

The Central Valley Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Order. (California Code of Regulations., title 14, section 15062.)