



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

8 May 2026

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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 NO. SB12006GN FOR FALL RIVER RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, FALL RIVER LAKE PROPERTY SEASONAL WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT (WDID NO. 5A45CR00694), SHASTA COUNTY

On 12 March 2026, Fall River Resource Conservation District (Applicant) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under the 27 March 2013 State Water Resources Control Board Amended Order for Clean Water Act 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File No. SB12006GN (General Order) for the Fall River Lake Property Seasonal Wetland Restoration Project (Project). After reviewing the NOI and supplemental materials 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 General Order.

This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued to Fall River Resource Conservation District (hereinafter Enrollee) by the Central Valley Water Board under the General Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

NOA Effective Date: 8 May 2026

NOA Expiration Date: 8 May 2031

A copy of the General Order is enclosed. The General Order may also be accessed on the [State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders Web Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2013) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2013).

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the General Order. The Project is described in the NOI requesting coverage and supplementary information (Application Package) submitted by the Enrollee and is limited to the impacts identified in the Application Package and described in this NOA.

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

If the Project is modified from that described in the Application Package, then coverage under the General Order is no longer valid.

I. Project Description

Located in the Fall River Floodplain, the Project proposes to enhance seasonal wetland habitat and help stop further erosional issues. The Project will concentrate on restoration to minimize water loss and increase groundwater infiltration. Removing junipers from the wet-meadow and sage steppe habitat will increase groundwater availability and provide materials for the low-tech structures. Construction of low-tech grade control structures, using the cut juniper, will slow down water runoff in existing swales/ gullies. Grade control structures will capture the overland flow from the neighbors' field tailings and rain and snow melt, enhancing the existing seasonal wetland habitat within the gullies. The Project will also include packing headcuts to further reduce meadow upland drainage into Fall River Lake.

The structures will be constructed by hand and the only equipment used will be for delivering materials to the project site. The primary equipment used on the project will be a chainsaw and a gas-powered post pounder. Refueling will occur outside the riparian area on absorbent spill pads. Vehicles and equipment will not be washed onsite. Beaver dam analogs will be constructed with vegetative materials (willows, conifer branches, sage, and sod), starting at the bottom of the drainage and working upstream. Hand tools and materials will be brought in by sled to reduce impacts from vehicles.

II. Project Location

County: Shasta County

Nearest City: Fall River Mills

Latitude: 41.023941° and Longitude: -121.452494°

Maps showing the Project location are found in Attachment A of this NOA.

III. 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/). 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.

IV. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the United States

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss of area and those degrading ecological conditions. Impacts to waters of the state shall not exceed quantities shown in Table 1.

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

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	0.05	208	150

V. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Fall River Resource Conservation District, as lead agency, determined the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

VI. Fees Received

An application fee of \$1,123.00 was received on 9 April 2026. 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 Category D – Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the Fiscal Year 25/26 Water Quality Certification Dredge and Fill Fee Calculator.

VII. Findings of Applicability

This letter serves as formal notice that Order No. SB12006GN is applicable to this wetland restoration project. Your waste discharge identification (WDID) number is 5A45CR00694.

VIII. Reporting

A Notice of Completion (NOC) shall be submitted by the Enrollee 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 Enrollee's NOI.

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

If you require further assistance, please contact Katie Gilman by phone at (530) 224-3212 or by email at Katie.Gilman@waterboards.ca.gov. You may also contact Lynn Coster, Senior Environmental Scientist of the Storm Water and Water Quality Certification Unit, by phone at (530) 224-2437 or by email at Lynn.Coster@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO

5/8/2026

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

Date

Attachments: Attachment A - Project Maps
Attachment B - Receiving Water, Impact, and Mitigation Information

Enclosure: Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File No. SB12006GN

cc via email: U.S. EPA, Region 9, San Francisco
Water Quality Certification Unit, SWRCB, Sacramento
Gabriel Leggieri, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
Stacey Alexander, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Region 1

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Figure 1. Project Location Map

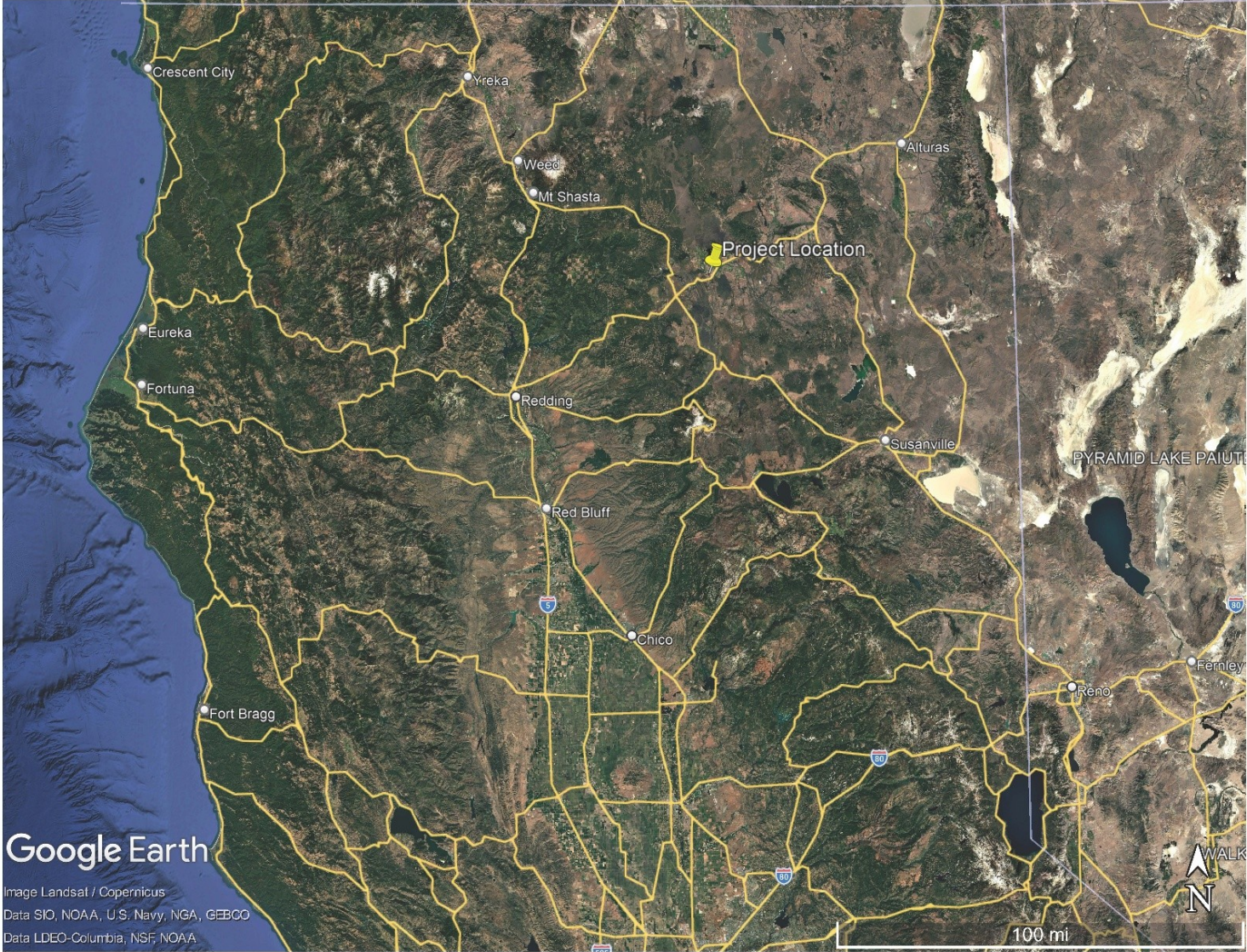
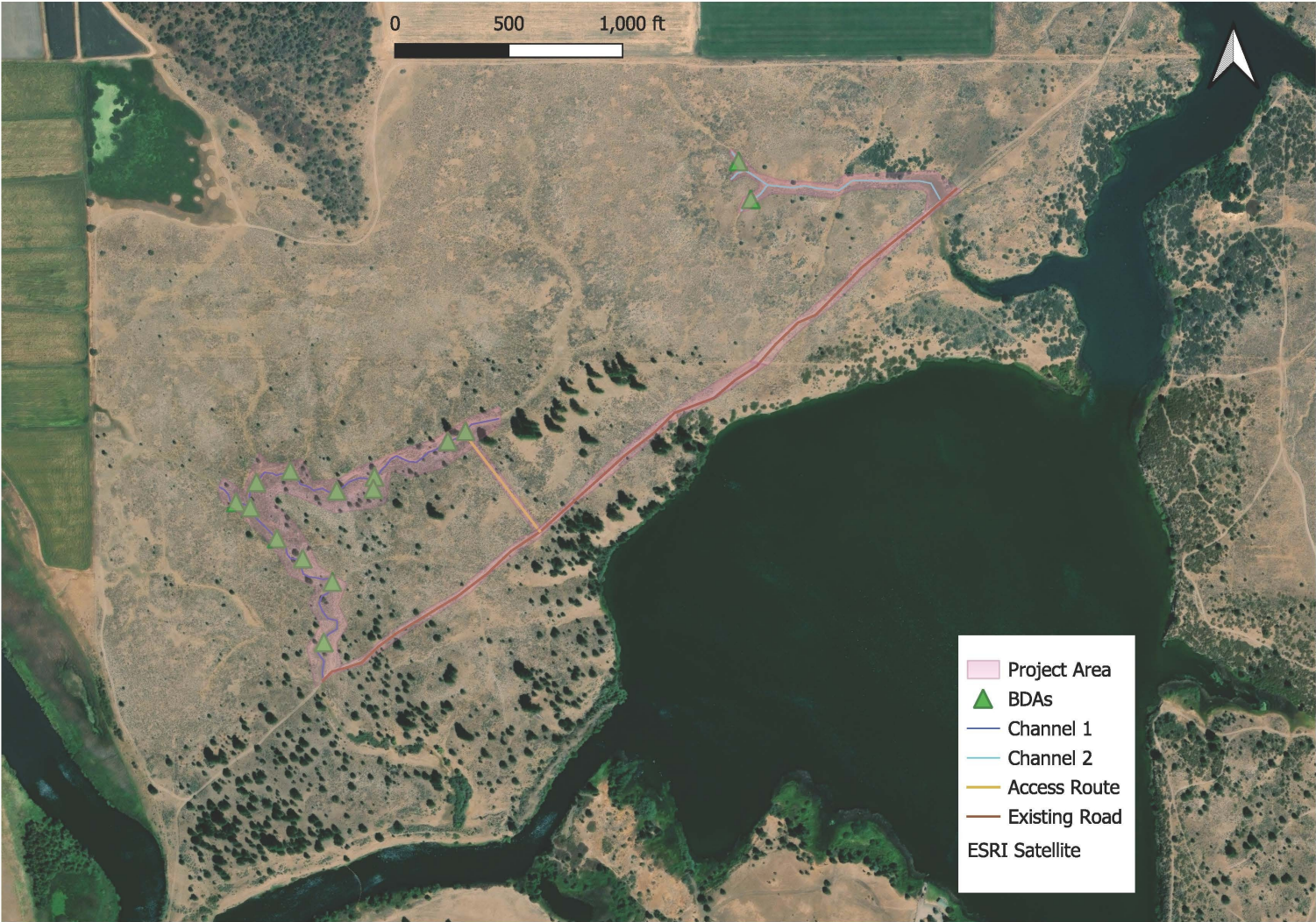


Figure 2. Impacts Map



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Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information

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

Table 1: Receiving Waters Information

Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Fall River Lake Property Seasonal Wetland Restoration - Channel 1	Unnamed tributary to Fall River Lake	Stream	526.41	Fall River	MUN, AGR, POW, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, WILD	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Fall River Lake Property Seasonal Wetland Restoration - Channel 2	Unnamed tributary to Fall River Lake	Stream	526.41	Fall River	MUN, AGR, POW, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, WILD	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following tables show individual impacts.

Table 2: Individual Permanent Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Fall River Lake Property Seasonal Wetland Restoration - Channel 1	41.023941°	-121.452494°	No	0.044	180	130
Fall River Lake Property Seasonal Wetland Restoration - Channel 2	41.023941°	-121.452494°	No	0.007	28	20