
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

14 August 2026

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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), USFS SHASTA-
TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST, MT. SHASTA RANGER DISTRICT, SOUTH FORK
SACRAMENTO FAWN AND GUMBOOT MEADOW RESTORATION PROJECT
(WDID NO. 5A47CR00069), SISKIYOU COUNTY**

On 14 July 2026, USFS Shasta-Trinity National Forest (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 South Fork Sacramento Fawn and Gumboot Meadow Restoration 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 USFS Shasta-Trinity National Forest (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: 14 August 2026

NOA Expiration Date: 14 August 2031

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).

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 17 July 2026 to 7 August 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

II. Project Description

The Project objective is to restore approximately 114 acres of mountain meadow habitat in the Sacramento Headwaters watershed. Project activities include removal of conifers encroaching in the meadow footprint and installation of low-tech process-based structures designed to reconnect channels and floodplains to help increase the potential for groundwater storage. Typical structures will consist of tree dams, postless beaver dam analogs, and one rock dams. No materials will be permanently anchored to the streambed, and impacts to the stream bank will likely be less than 3 linear feet for each structure, if any. Up to 100 structures per mile are proposed on up to 11 miles of stream channel over the life of the project. No wheeled or tracked equipment will enter meadows or stream channels, and all materials and tools will be moved by hand to and within the project sites. No new roads or staging areas will be created.

III. Project Location

County: Siskiyou County

Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 031-470-040, 031-460-030, 030-120-070,
and 030-120-080

Nearest City: Mount Shasta

Section 17, 18, Township 39 North, Range 5 West, MDB&M.

Section 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, Township 39 North, Range 6 West, MDB&M.

Latitude: 41.219562° and Longitude: -122.4747°

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/). 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.

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

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Streambed/Stream bank	0.24	266	2,020

VI. Project Schedule

The Project is estimated to occur in phases between August 2027 and October 2029. The Project is estimated to occur over a total of 180 working days.

VII. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

On 16 August 2022, State Water Resources Control Board, as lead agency, certified a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No.2019100230) for the Statewide Restoration General Order and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 12 September 2022.

The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that State Water Resources Control Board's PEIR comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Public Resources Code, section 21167.3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15231.)

The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed and considered the PEIR and finds that the environmental document addresses the Project's impacts within the scope of the Board's jurisdiction and that no additional environmental review is required. (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subdivision (f), 15162, 15163.)

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will file a Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days

of issuance of this NOA. (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subdivision (i).)

VIII. Fees 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.

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 5A47CR00069.

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.

2. Annual Reporting:

The Enrollee shall submit an Annual Report, in accordance with Reporting and Notification Attachment D of the Statewide Restoration General Order, within one month of the anniversary of the effective date of the NOA. Annual reporting shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Enrollee.

XI. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Katie Gilman at (530) 224-3212 or Katie.Gilman@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO

8/14/2026

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

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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Water Quality Certification Program, SWRCB, Sacramento
Alex Ray, USFS Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Mt. Shasta
Stacey Alexander, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Redding

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Attachment A – Project Maps

Figure 1. Project Area Map

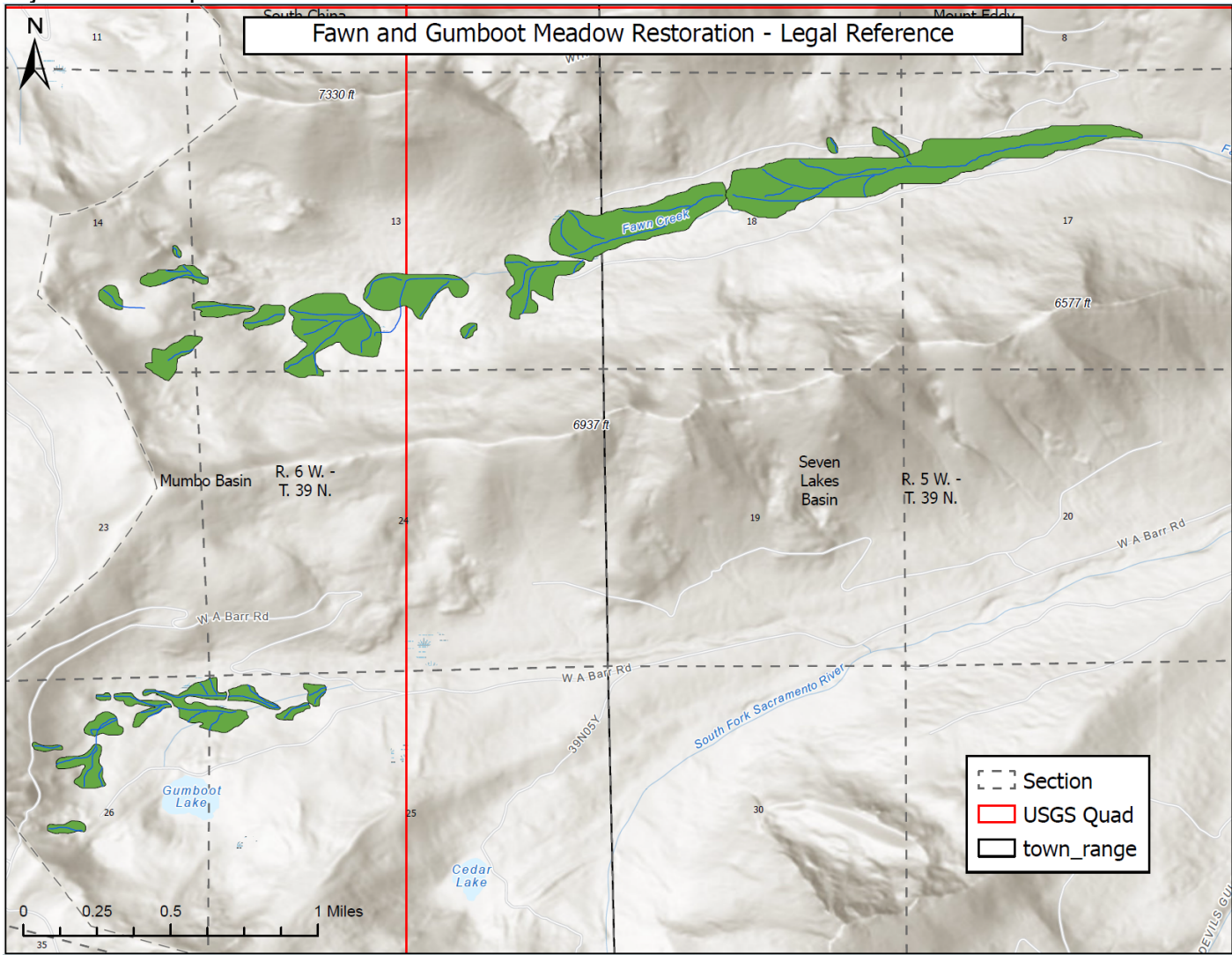


Figure 2. Fawn Meadow Map

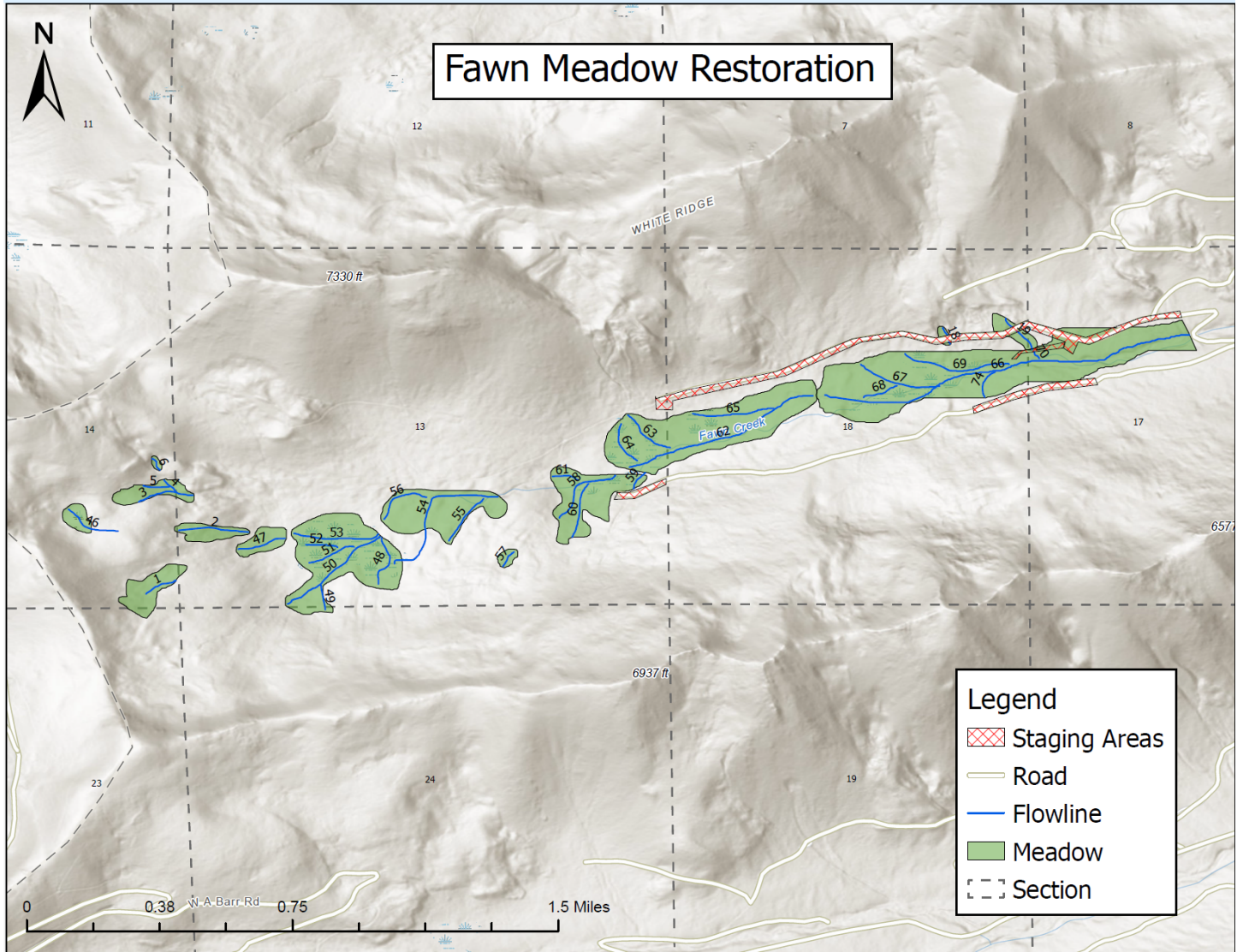
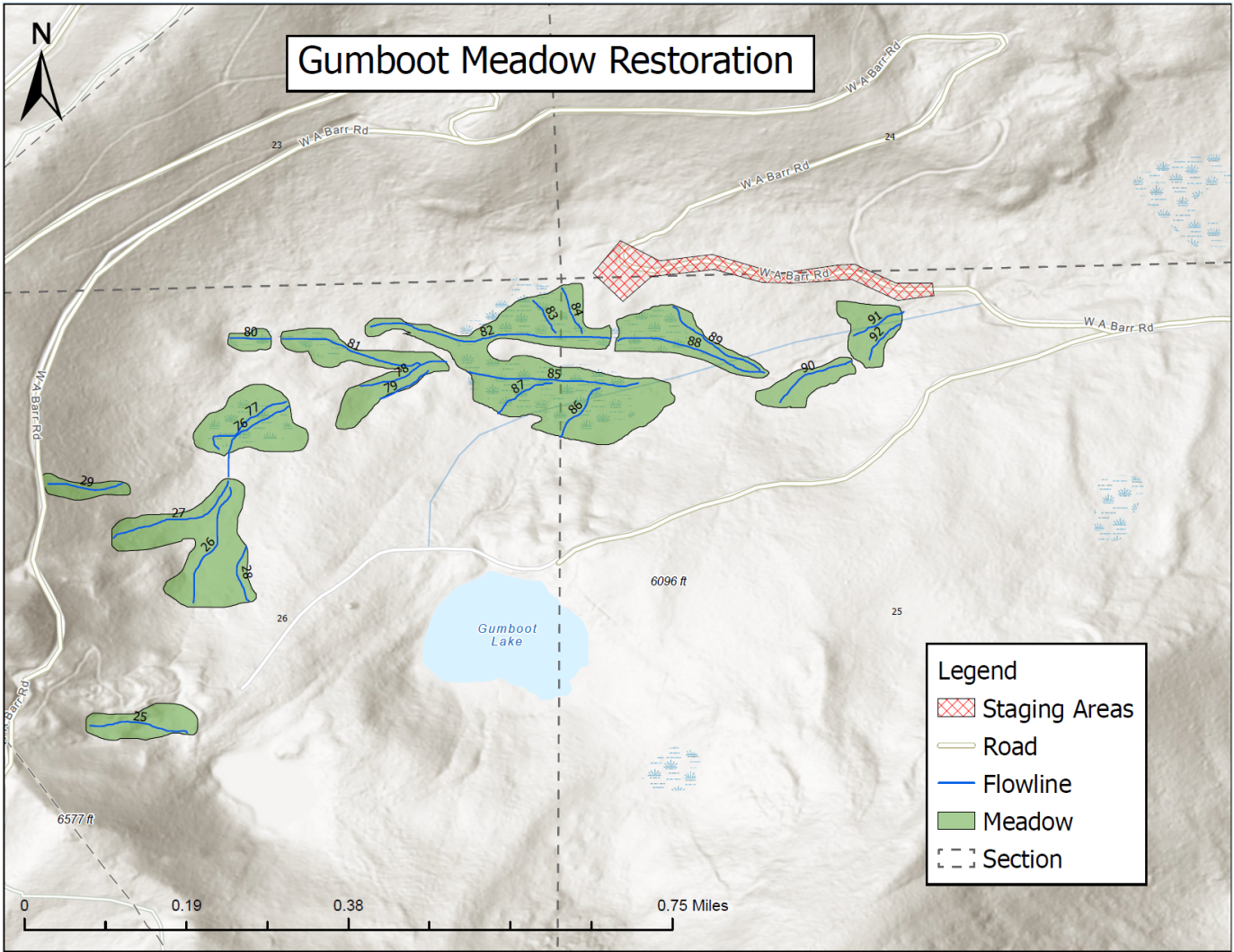


Figure 3. Gumboot Meadow Map



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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
South Fork Sacramento Fawn and Gumboot Meadow Restoration Project – Fawn Creek	Fawn Creek	Stream Channel	525.22	Upper South Fork Sacramento River	AGR, REC-1, REC-2, COLD, WILD	N/A	N/A
South Fork Sacramento Fawn and Gumboot Meadow Restoration Project – Gumboot Creek	Gumboot Creek	Stream Channel	525.22	Upper South Fork Sacramento River	AGR, REC-1, REC-2, COLD, WILD	N/A	N/A

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
South Fork Sacramento Fawn and Gumboot Meadow Restoration Project – Fawn Creek	41.219562	-122.4747	No	0.19	215	1504
South Fork Sacramento Fawn and Gumboot Meadow Restoration Project – Gumboot Creek	41.219562	-122.4747	No	0.05	51	516

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FINDINGS FOR CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT

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