
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
OF ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' 2021 NATIONWIDE PERMITS (ORDER NO.
WQ 2021-0048-DWQ), TEHAMA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, WILLARD ROAD AT
REEDS CREEK BRIDGE EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT (WDID NO.
5A52CR00249), TEHAMA COUNTY**

On 4 June 2025, Tehama County Public Works (Applicant) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage for the Willard Road at Reeds Creek Bridge Emergency Repair Project under State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of Army Corps of Engineers' 2021 Nationwide Permits (Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ). The applicable Nationwide Permit (NWP) is NWP 3(a), Maintenance. 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 Willard Road at Reeds Creek Bridge Emergency Repair Project (Project) qualifies for enrollment under this General Order.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under Water Quality Order WQ 2021-0048-DWQ. This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued at the request of Tehama County Public Works (hereinafter Enrollee) under the General Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the General Order is enclosed. You can also access the General Order on [State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders Web Page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2021) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2021).

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the General Order. The Project is described in the NOI Form requesting coverage and supplementary information (Application Package). If the Project is modified from that described in the Application Package, then coverage under the General Order is no longer valid.

I. Public Notice

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 6 June 2025 to 27 June 2025. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

II. Project Description

The Enrollee proposes to replace rock slope protection (RSP) associated with the Willard Road bridge over Reeds Creek. Following rains from a January 2023 atmospheric river system, RSP along both abutments and surrounding the central pier columns washed away. Additionally, damaged deck and stringers will be replaced.

The replaced RSP will armor the scoured areas with the minimum, but sufficient, amount of RSP necessary to prevent further erosion and potential bridge failure during future high flows. The total Project area is 0.88 acres, including the staging areas and temporary access roads associated with the project.

Gravel and cobbles that have filled the scoured locations will be removed but no new excavations will occur. Replacement RSP (¼-ton) will be keyed-in to the previous depth of 3 feet and will extend for a 6-foot width from abutments and a 3-foot width from the perimeter around each pier support. RSP will be replaced along the approximate 28-foot length of each abutment plus wingwalls.

III. Project Location

Address: Willard Road at Reeds Creek Bridge

County: Tehama County

Nearest City: Red Bluff

Section 33, Township 27 North, Range 04 West, MDB&M.

Latitude: 40.1517° and Longitude: -122.3315°

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

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.

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 United States

The Project will impact 0.13 acre of Waters of the United States. These impacts include temporary impacts of 0.13 acre of stream channel. No permanent impacts are expected.

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 Temporary Impacts¹

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	0.13	50	80

VI. Project Schedule

The Project is anticipated to begin in July 2025 and will require approximately 6 working days.

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 15301. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities,

¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include area of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

VIII. Petitions for Reconsideration

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Board to reconsider this Order in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867. A petition for reconsideration must be submitted in writing and received within 30 calendar days of the issuance of this Order.

IX. Fees Received

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 17 June 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 Category A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

An additional Project fee of \$669.00 based on total Project impacts was received on 17 June 2025.

X. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact:

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Daniel Warner at (530) 224-4848 or Daniel.Warner@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Lynn Coster

For Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

7/8/2025

Date

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of Army Corps of Engineers' 2021 Nationwide Permits (Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ)

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

Cc via email: U.S. EPA, Region 9, San Francisco
Water Quality Certification Unit, SWRCB, Sacramento
Christy Morgan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
Mark Fogiel, Dokken Engineering, Folsom

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Figure 1. Project Location Map

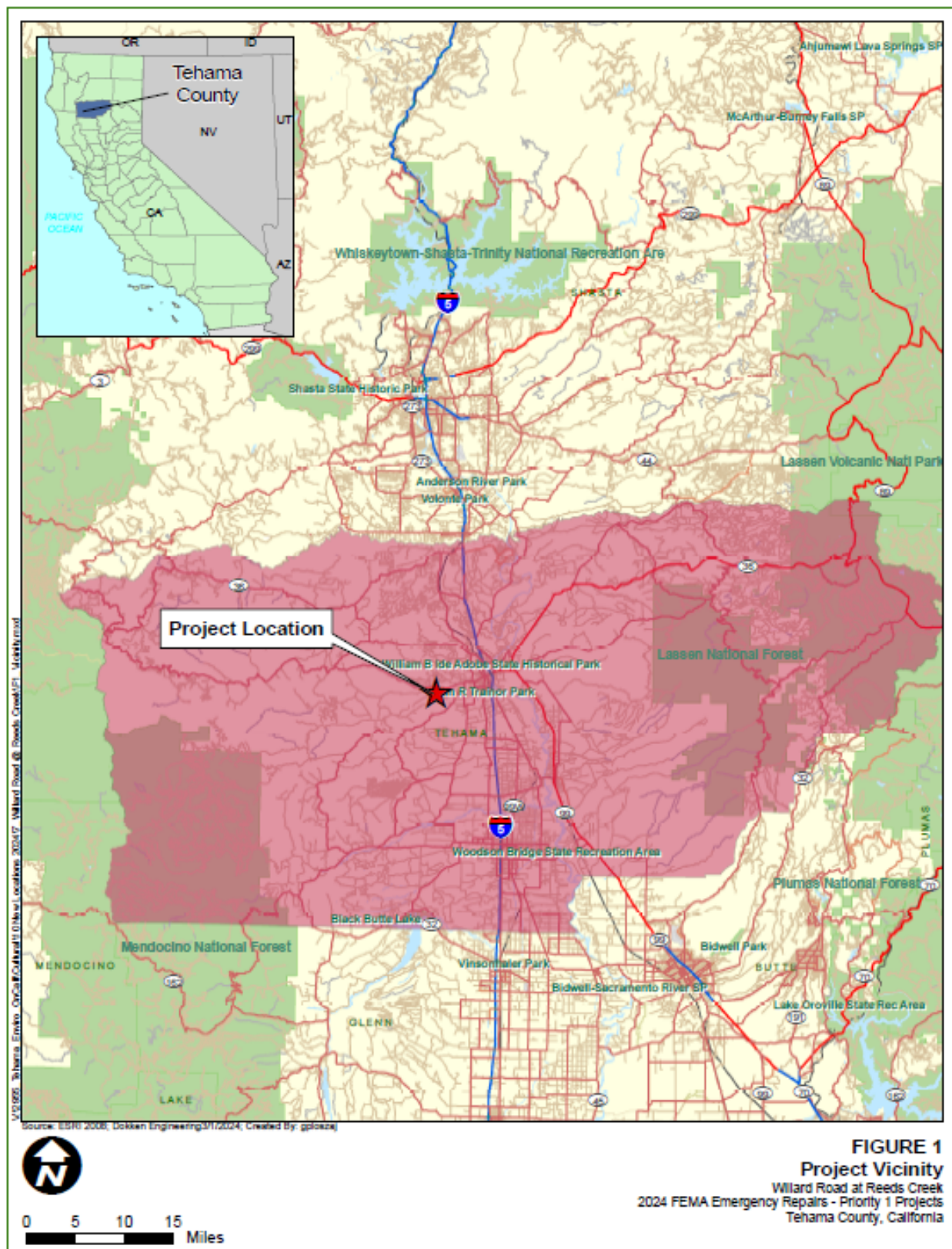
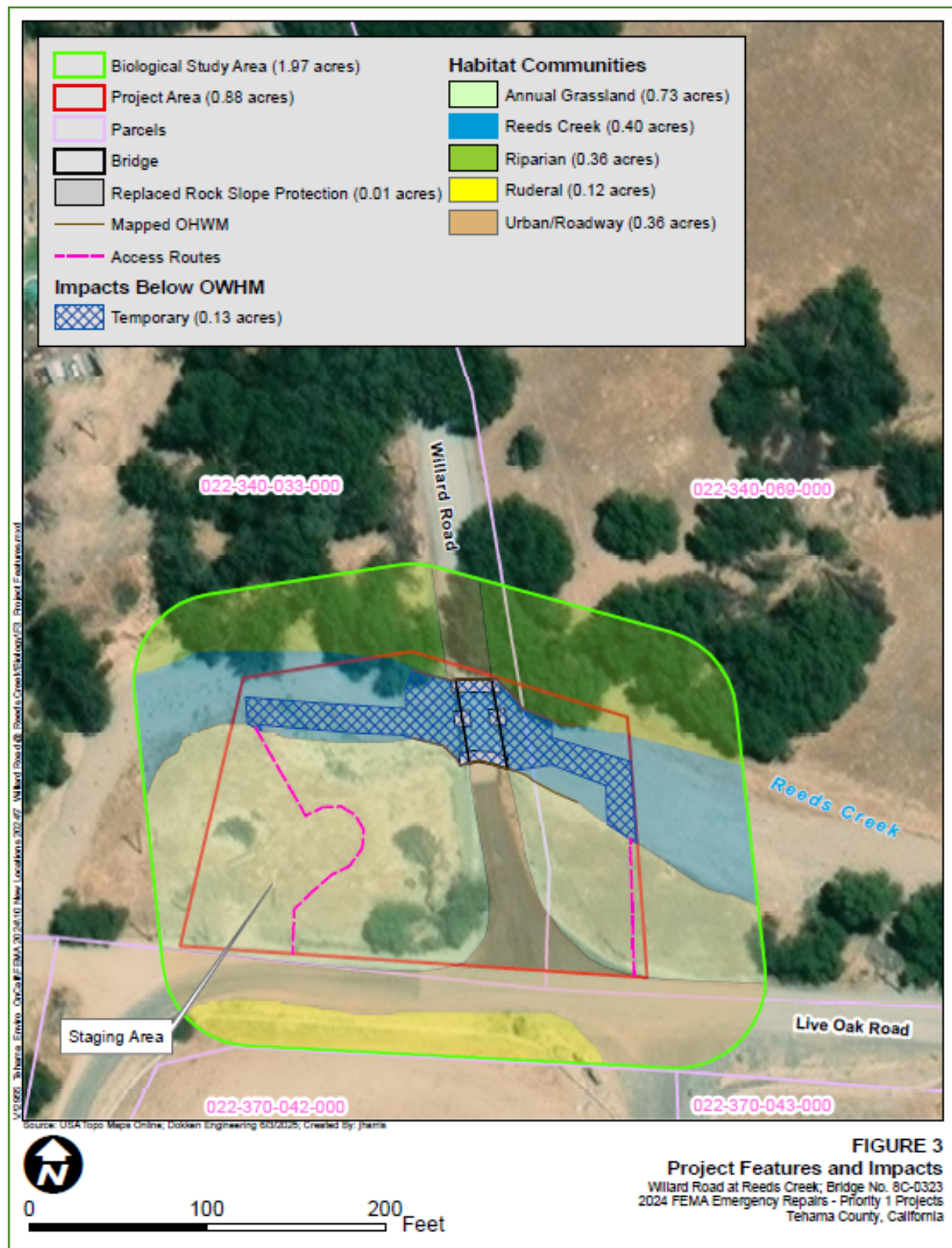


Figure 2. Project Location Map



Figure 3. Project Impact 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
Tributary of Reeds Creek	Unnamed Tributary of Reeds Creek	Stream Channel	504.20	Sacramento River (Shasta Dam to Colusa Basin Drain)	MUN, AGR, IND, POW, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD, NAV	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following tables show individual impacts.

Table 2: Individual Temporary Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Tributary of Reeds Creek	40.1517	-122.3315	No	0.13	50	80

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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 15301, Existing Facilities, which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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.)