
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2035, ROAD 27 PUMP STATION - PHASE I EMERGENCY REPAIRS PROJECT (WDID# 5A57CR00223), YOLO COUNTY

On 14 August 2025, Reclamation District 2035 (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 1 August 2023 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (WQ 2023-0061-DWQ) (General Certification Order) for the Road 27 Pump Station - Phase I Emergency Repairs 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 took place in 0.18 acre(s)/284 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection 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/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage and is enclosed.

The Project was conducted 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 23 May 2023, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 4.15-acre Project consists of demolition and removal of the existing large concrete vault and pipe discharge structures. The following construction activities are to be expected:

- Temporary cofferdams for site isolation during construction. Cofferdams will be required in the Conaway Canal (Yolo Bypass) in the immediate vicinity of the pipe discharge as well as in the drain canal on the land side of the levee.
- Demolition and removal of the large concrete vault, 60-inch Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) culvert, CMP standpipe with gate, and concrete headwall at the pipe discharge. This will require open cut excavation into the levee.
- The functionality of the concrete vault and culvert to be removed will be replaced by individual 36-inch diameter steel pipelines off each pump that will be installed on and within the levee prism and discharge into the Conaway Canal in the Yolo Bypass. The landside of the levee is proposed to be regraded to facilitate the surface mounting of the pipelines.
- Cast-in-place concrete vault at waterside levee hinge housing butterfly valves and flexible couplings for each pipeline (positive closure device).
- Cast-in-place concrete U-Wall at pipe discharge into the Conaway Canal in the Yolo Bypass on the waterside of the levee with flapgates on each discharge pipe.
- Placing and compacting engineered fill and riprap around the proposed concrete U-Wall structure.
- The existing groundwater well adjacent to the pump station will be re-routed from discharging into the large concrete vault to discharging into the supply canal immediately north of the pump station.

The Project will permanently impact 0.04 acre/83 linear feet and temporarily impact 0.14 acre/201 linear feet of waters of the United States.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

The Applicant shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, as amended for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavations, and other land disturbance activities of one or more acres, or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres.

BIO-2: Contract specifications will include the following BMPS, where applicable, to reduce erosion during construction:

- Implementation of the project shall require approval of a site-specific storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) or water pollution control program (WPCP) that would implement effective measures to protect water quality, which may include a hazardous spill prevention plan and additional erosion prevention techniques;

- Existing vegetation shall be protected in place where feasible to provide an effective form of erosion and sediment control;
- Stabilizing materials shall be applied to the soil surface to prevent the movement of dust from exposed soil surfaces on construction sites as a result of wind, traffic, and grading activities;
- Roughening and/or terracing shall be implemented to create unevenness on bare soil through the construction of furrows running across a slope, creation of stair steps, or by utilization of construction equipment to track the soil surface. surface roughening or terracing reduces erosion potential by decreasing runoff velocities, trapping sediment, and increasing infiltration of water into the soil, and aiding in the establishment of vegetative cover from seed.
- Soil exposure shall be minimized through the use of temporary bmps, groundcover, and stabilization measures;
- The contractor shall conduct periodic maintenance of erosion- and sediment-control measures.

BIO-3: To conform to water quality requirements, the project must implement the following:

- Vehicle maintenance, staging and storing equipment, materials, fuels, lubricants, solvents, and other possible contaminants shall be a minimum of 100 feet from the Natomas Cross Canal. Any necessary equipment shall be washed where the water cannot flow into surface waters. The project specifications shall require the contractor to operate under an approved spill prevention and clean-up plan;
- Construction equipment shall not be operated in flowing water; if necessary, equipment buckets and arms may be used within flowing water. Construction work shall be conducted according to site-specific construction plans that minimize the potential for sediment input to waters of the U.S. and state;
- Raw cement, concrete or concrete washings, asphalt, paint or other coating material, oil or other petroleum products, or any other substances that could be hazardous to aquatic life shall be prevented from contaminating the soil or entering surface waters;
- Equipment used in and around surface waters shall be in good working order and free of dripping or leaking contaminants; and,
- Any surplus concrete rubble, asphalt, or other debris from construction shall be taken to an approved disposal site.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at Road 27 Yolo Bypass levee road (west).

Latitude: 38°37'4.43" and Longitude: -121°38'43.43"

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project started construction on 28 July 2025 and will continue until 1 October 2025.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 21 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 category F- Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Sara Gevorgyan at (916) 464-4710 or Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:
Patrick Pulupa
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Enclosure: Water Quality Order No. 2023-0061-DWQ Clean Water Act Section 401
Water Quality Certification for Regional General Permit 8 for Emergency
Repair and Protection Activities

Attachment: Figure 1: Location Map

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Figure 1: Location Map

