

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ORDER FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 2026 NATIONWIDE PERMITS, BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, BEALE LEVEL LOGGER INSTANTLLATION 2026 PROJECT (WDID#5A58CR00212), YUBA COUNTY

On 31 March 2026, Beale Air Force Base (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 15 March 2026 State Water Resources Control Board's *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Dredge or Fill Materials to Waters of the State and Partial Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Partial Denial of the Corps' 2026 Nationwide Permits*, Order No. WQ 2025-0066-DWQ (General Order) for the Beale Level Logger Installation 2026 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 Order. The proposed activity will take place within less than <0.005 acre/1.67 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #5 (Scientific Measurement Devices), 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 Order](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2026/nwp2026-general-order.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Order webpage and is enclosed.

The Project must proceed 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

31 March 2026, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 353.44 square-inch Beale Level Logger Installation 2026 Project consists of continuing a previous project to characterize the seasonal hydrology of vernal pools in areas where an old well will be removed and where a new well will be installed. The Project will be completed by installing eight (8) Solinst levelloggers in the deepest portion of each feature. A hand spade will be utilized to remove the top 2 inches of soil at the Project locations. A 2.5-inch diameter, hand-augured bore hole will be dug down into the clay or hard pan layer (approximately 1-3 feet deep). The removed soil will be placed nearby in the same wetland feature to ensure that plant seeds and macroinvertebrate cysts remain in the same feature. A 2-inch slotted PVC pipe will be placed into the hand augured bore hole and the remaining soil from the hand auguring will be used to stabilize the PVC pipe in place. A levellogger will be inserted into the PVC pipe and lowered on fishing line to the clay layer or top of the hardpan. The slotted PVC pipe will then be capped with a locking cap to prevent damage to the levellogger. The levellogger remains in the feature collecting hourly data on water level in the soil, above the soil, and temperature for the duration of the season. At the end of the season, the levelloggers will be removed and the data downloaded for analysis. After the monitoring period is over the PVC pipe will be removed and the hole will be backfilled using the displaced soil from the immediate surroundings.

The Project will temporarily impact <0.005 acre/1.67 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude
2189	39.133145°	-121.464287°
2184	39.133362°	-121.464562°
2186	39.133117°	-121.463564°
2191	39.1335235°	-121.4635419°
3085	39.133566°	-121.463163°
3086	39.1333406°	-121.4631055°
3154	39.134097°	-121.463269°
3155	39.134498°	-121.463441°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Work will start when authorization is obtained and extend through May 2028.

APPLICATION FEE 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.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Jenna Yang by phone at (916) 464-4764 or by email at Jenna.Yang@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
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Enclosure: State Water Board 2026 Nationwide Permits General Order (Order No. WQ 2025-0066-DWQ)

Attachment: Figure 1: Project Map and Impact Locations

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