
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 2026 NATIONWIDE PERMITS, SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, SLOUGHHOUSE RCD CALSIP STREAM GAGES INSTALLATION PROJECT (WDID#5B03CR00107), AMADOR AND SACRAMENTO COUNTIES

On 5 May 2026, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 15 March 2026 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2026 Nationwide Permits Order No. WQ 2025-0066-DWQ (General Certification Order) for the Sloughhouse RCD CalSIP Stream Gages Installation 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.

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 [State Water Board Certification Action on the Nationwide Permits](#)

(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 5 May 2026, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 Project consists of installing seven bubbler pressure-transducer stream gages to improve regional hydrologic monitoring under the Department of Water Resources' CalSIP program. Each gage consists of a small tower with solar power and telemetry located outside the wetted channel, an orifice line housed in PVC pipe connecting the tower to the stream, and a staff gage for manual calibration.

Staff gages will be installed on galvanized or stainless-steel posts that are securely driven into the streambed or bank. Each staff gage plate will be mounted to the post using corrosion-resistant hardware, such as U bolts. A small amount of cement may be used to stabilize the post where necessary. The orifice line will be installed above ground and secured with small u-bolt anchors to maintain stability and protect the line from disturbance. Where necessary, a trench may be dug to bury and secure the orifice line. The buried configuration would extend from the gage housing to the stream channel, with the terminal orifice anchored at a known elevation within the channel bed. When the orifice line is installed below ground, minor trenching (approximately 4 to 6 inches wide and up to 2 feet deep) will be required between the gage housing and the streambank. Where above-ground routing is necessary, the orifice line will be laid on the surface and secured with small concrete anchors.

Construction activities will be conducted by a small crew using light-duty vehicles and handheld equipment. All work will occur during dry or low-flow conditions to avoid impacts to aquatic habitat. No construction activities will require dewatering. In-water work will be avoided to the extent practicable, with only the installation of some of the staff gages and placement of the orifice line potentially requiring in-water work.

Following installation, each stream gage will require periodic operation and maintenance activities to ensure continued data collection and equipment integrity throughout the monitoring period. Routine maintenance will be conducted by a small crew accessing each site via existing access routes on foot. Maintenance activities may include inspection and cleaning of the orifice line and bubbler components, removal of debris or sediment that may accumulate around the staff gage or orifice fitting, replacement or repair of minor hardware components (u-bolt anchors, staff gage plates, solar panels, telemetry equipment), and vegetation management within the immediate equipment footprint as needed to maintain site access and equipment function. Any in-channel work associated with maintenance will be limited to the previously disturbed installation footprint and will be conducted during dry or low-flow conditions to the extent practicable. No new ground disturbance beyond the original installation footprint is anticipated. Upon completion of data collection activities or the end of the monitoring program, each stream gage will be removed.

The Project will permanently impact 0.005 acre and temporarily impact 0.017 acre of waters of the State.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The seven separate gaging stations are located throughout Amador and Sacramento Counties at the following locations:

- Deer Creek: 38.55147°, -121.11002°
- Laguna Creek: 38.33268°, -121.19081°
- Dry Creek (Bleecher property): 38.29940°, -121.06389°
- Dry Creek (Ilich property): 38.41497°, -120.90558°
- Hadselville Creek: 38.33458°, -121.17136°
- Sutter Creek: 38.352528°, -120.935306°
- Jackson Creek: 38.287960°, -120.913105°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Installation will occur June 2026 through October 2026. Maintenance and operation is expected to occur until 2031.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$ 4,212.00 was received on 11 February 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 E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Nicholas Savino by phone at (916) 464-4920 or by email at Nicholas.Savino@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
For Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Board 2026 Nationwide Permits General Order (Order No. WQ 2025-0066-DWQ)

Attachments: Figure 1: Stream Gage Locations

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Figure 1: Stream Gage Locations

