
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BENITO; NEW IDRIA ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, (WDID# 5B35CR00002), SAN BENITO COUNTY

On 3 July 2024, County of San Benito (Permittee) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 12 October 2021 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permits (Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ) for the New Idria Road Culvert Replacement (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Permittee, 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 will take place within less than 0.029 acres of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 14, Linear Transportation Projects, 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/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

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 3 July 2024, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 0.029-acre Project will replace two 48-inch storm drain culverts and a section of roadway (located above culverts) along New Idria Road which was washed out during heavy storms. The Permittee will then backfill the culverts and road washout with native material, replace a barbwire fence in-kind, and add three inches of roadway grindings in-kind to restore the surface of the roadway. The scope of the Project is to restore the site to pre-existing conditions. The Project will permanently impact 0.029 acres/1,192 cubic yards of stream channel. Impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition, thus, there is no new loss of water. Consequently, no compensatory mitigation is needed.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located 5.6 miles northwest of Idria in the County of San Benito.

Section 7 , Township 17 South, Range 12 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 36.45986 and longitude: -120.70147

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project has a proposed start date of July 2024 and a completion date of August 2024.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,985.00 was received on 10 May 2024. 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 Ernesto Garcia at (559) 445-6281 or at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov.

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