
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PORT OF STOCKTON, PORT OF STOCKTON DOCK 14 DOLPHIN PILE STRUCTURE REMOVAL PROJECT (WDID#5B39CR00408), SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

On 31 May 2024, the Port of Stockton (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 (DQ 2023-0061-DWQ) (General Certification Order) for the Port of Stockton Dock 14 Dolphin Pile Structure Removal 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 will take place in 0.0003 acre (13.9 square 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 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 May 2024, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 0.0003-acre Port of Stockton Dock 14 Dolphin Pile Structure Removal Project (Project) involves removal of an existing derelict dolphin pile structure between Dock 14 and Dock 14A of the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel. Since installation of a new bollard at Dock 14 several months ago, the existing pile structure is now creating a new safety hazard by obstructing and threatening to entangle mooring lines. The entanglement of the mooring lines not only hampers the efficiency of operations, but increases the risks of accidents. Additionally, lines-handlers and workers are at risk for falling, getting caught in the lines, and pulled into the water. Removal of the 13 timber piles ranging from 14 to 16 inches in diameter at Dock 14 will prevent entanglement of vessel mooring line from structures and improve safety of lines-handlers and workers.

The piles would be removed using a crane positioned in an adjacent upland construction staging area or on a barge. The removed piles and any resulting debris from removal activities would be temporarily stockpiled in the adjacent upland construction staging area at the end of each construction day and disposed of off-site at an approved landfill facility.

The Project will result in a net decrease of 0.0003 acre (13.9 square feet) of fill in waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at Dock 14 at the West Complex of the Port of Stockton.

Latitude: 37°57'13.38" and Longitude: -121°20'49.38"

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The timeframe of Project construction is anticipated to last approximately one week and will begin work as soon as all emergency approvals are issued.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$ 2,985.00 was received on 10 June 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 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 Jenna Yang at (916) 464-4764 or Jenna.Yang@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

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

Attachments: Figure 1 – Project Vicinity Map
Figure 2 – Project Area Map

cc: [Via email only]

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Figure 1: Project Vicinity Map



Figure 2: Project Area Map

