
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 RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 756, BOULDIN ISLAND MULTI-BENEFIT SETBACK LEVEE PROJECT (WDID#5B39CR00442), SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

On 19 March 2026, Reclamation District No. 756 (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 Bouldin Island Multi-Benefit Setback Levee 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 within less than 0.06 acre/20 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 #3 (Maintenance 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 [2026 State Water Board Nationwide Permits General Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2026/nwp2026-general-order.pdf) (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 19 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the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 0.01-acre Bouldin Island Multi-Benefit Setback Levee Project (Project) consists of rehabilitating approximately 5,000 linear feet of an existing levee. The old levee crown will be degraded to Elevation 5.5-6 feet NGVD29, above mean high water level (MHWL), and planted with a variety of native plants to create riparian forest and scrub shrub habitat. Clean quarry stone will be placed on the waterside slope above MHWL. Aggregate base will be placed on the setback levee crown. The levee slopes will be track walked and hydroseeded after construction.

Additionally, the existing pump station will be replaced with an in-kind pump station located further landward of the levee footprint and south of the existing pump station location. The permitted feature will include replacing the pipes with the outlet in the Mokelumne River. The pipe outlets will be supported on three 12 inch diameter driven pipe piles in the channel, similar to the existing pump station configuration.

Approximately 30 cubic yards of clean quarry stone will be placed below MHWL near the outlets for erosion protection, above existing riprap on the waterside levee slope. The existing pump station and pipes will be removed as part of the project. Construction activities will temporarily disrupt habitat on the waterside levee, as the waterside habitat bench would reestablish additional scrub-shrub habitat.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.06 acre/20 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Section 17, 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 38°6'4.12" and Longitude: -121°33'36.72"

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

1 August 2026 through 1 October 2026

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 23 March 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 Peter Minkel by phone at (916) 464-4684 or by email at Peter.Minkel2@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)

Attachment: Figure 1 – Site Location Map
Figure 2 – Site Map

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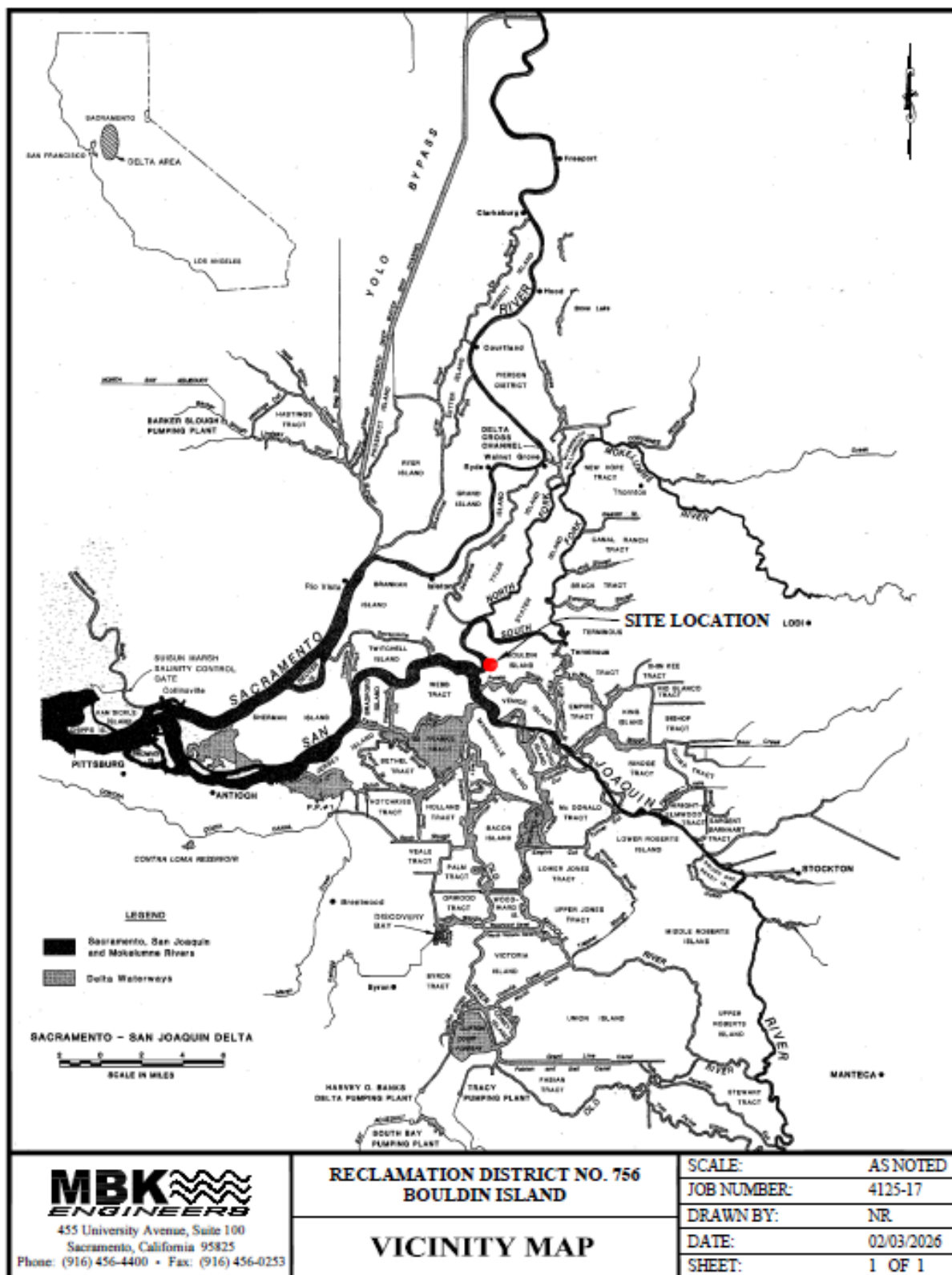


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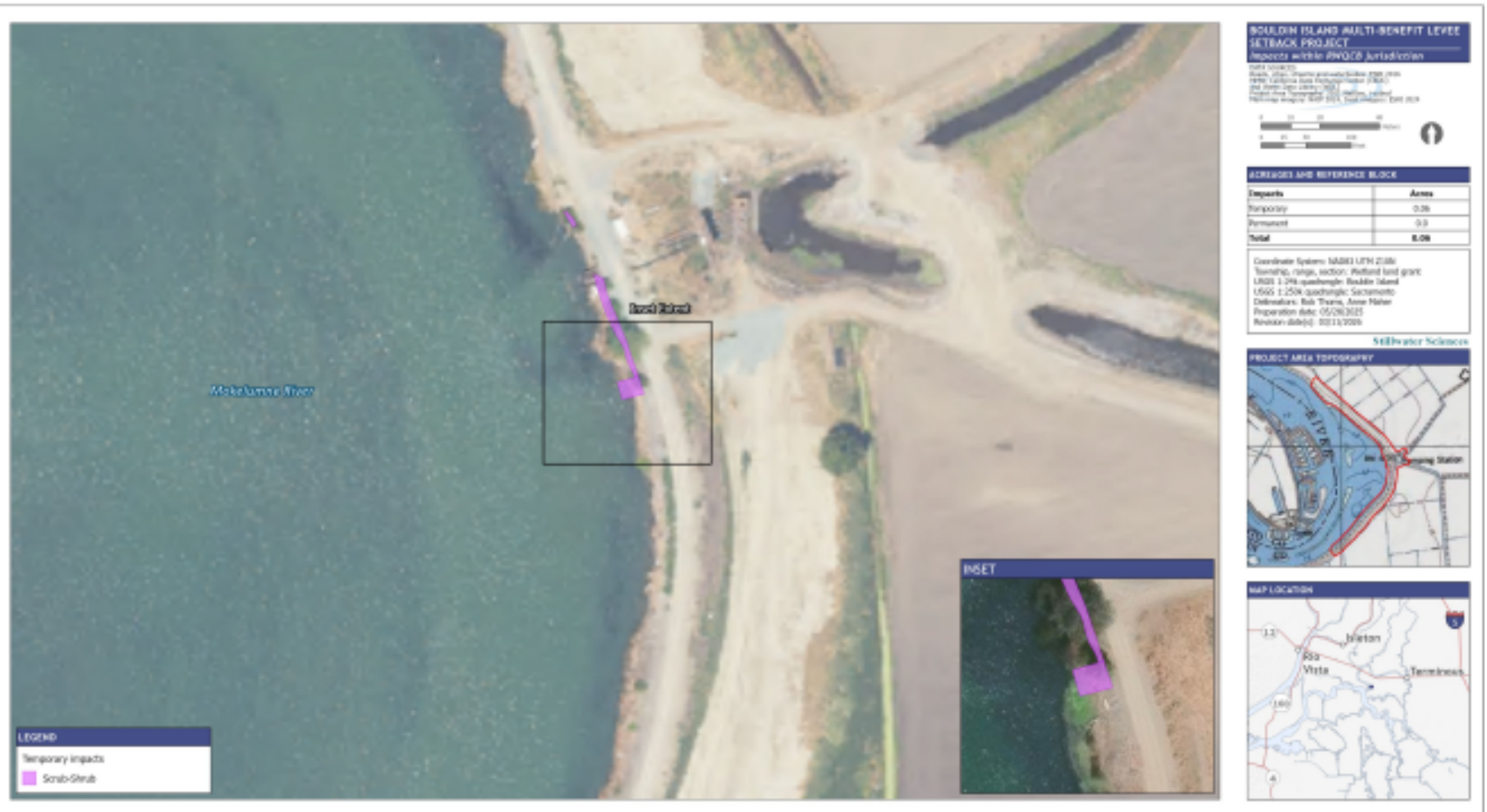


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