
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CALTRANS PROJECT ID #10-1S040 EMERGENCY CULVERT AND SLOPE REPAIRS PROJECT (WDID#5B55CR00175), TUOLUMNE COUNTY

On 29 September 2023, the California Department of Transportation (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 13 July 2023 State Water Resources Control Board's Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State from Emergency Repair and Protection Activities, Order No. 2023-0058-DWQ (General Order) for the Caltrans Project ID #, 10-1S040_Emergency Culvert and Slope Repairs 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 0.5 acre of waters of the states.

A copy of the [General Order](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders/2023/emergency-wdr-main.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 Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Order, dated 26 September 2023, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 0.5-acre Caltrans Project ID #10-1S040 Emergency Culvert and Slope Repairs Project consists of repairing slopes and culverts that have been permanently blocked with debris and cannot be dislodged due to the 2023 high intensity winter and spring storms. Five locations are proposed to be repaired but only locations 3 and 4 have potential to impact drainage features and surface waters that may be classified as

waters of the state. Location 4 is likely considered waters of the United States, but the scope of the work is maintenance exempt.

Project activities at Location 3 include:

- Replacement of an 18-inch culvert
- Concrete invert paving
- Restoration of a 5x5 feet area of rock slope protection (RSP) surrounding the inlet and outlet with an attempt to maximize usage of native material
- Minor vegetation disturbance at the outlet due to culvert replacement

Project activities at Location 4 include:

- Replace 18-inch culvert
- Concrete invert paving
- Replenish a 4x4 feet area of RSP surrounding the inlet and outlet.

Due to active flows in these drainages, a water diversion/dewatering facility will be needed. Water is expected to be dammed from the culvert with sandbags, and surface water will be pumped into the adjacent storm water ditches that will eventually cross the highway and flow into the Middle Fork Stanislaus River.

The Project will temporarily impact less than 0.001 acre/5 linear feet of waters of the states.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at State Route (SR) 108 at post miles 52.1 and 52.3 in Tuolumne County.

Location 3: Latitude: 38.349265° and Longitude: -119.845173°

Location 4: Latitude: 38.346968° and Longitude: -119.842102°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project started construction on 25 September 2023 but has not reached Locations 3 and 4 yet. The Project will continue until 17 November 2023.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,734.00 has not been received. The application fee must be received within 30 days of issuance of this Notice of Applicability.

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 fiscal year 22/23 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:

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Enclosure: Water Quality Order No. 2023-0058-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Dredge or Fill Material to Waters of the State from Emergency Repair and Protection Activities

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