
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER NO. 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, GIANT 302 WELL ABANDONMENT PROJECT (WDID# 5C15CR00156), KERN COUNTY

On 5 March 2025, Chevron USA (Applicant) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the enrollment materials and finds the Giant 302 Well Abandonment Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant may proceed with the Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order 2004-0004-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's Adopted Orders webpage.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 0.30-acre Project consists of abandoning the Giant 302 Well to comply with California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) idle well regulations. The Project will involve vegetation grubbing, grading, and excavation to expose the well

casing, followed by cementing the well, backfilling the site with excavated soil, and finally recontouring the area to restore natural drainage patterns.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include soil disturbance to expose the well casing, followed by encasing the well with concrete, and then backfilling the well site with soil to pre project contours.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Temporarily impacted areas shall be restored to pre-Project condition.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Lake			
Ocean/bay/estuary			
Riparian Zone			
Stream Channel	0.19		
Vernal Pool			
Wetland			

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located within the McKittrick Oilfield in Kern County. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 35.305186 degrees North and longitude -119.650622 degrees West.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project will be completed over approximately five active working days. Filling in the casing with cement and cutting the casing will take approximately two to three days and site restoration will take approximately two days. Scheduling and completing the inspection will require approximately 30 days. Work may begin as early as 2025.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

A fee of \$4,214.00 was received on 28 March 2025. 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

MITIGATION AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:

The Applicant must implement the mitigation and minimization measures proposed in its Mitigation Plan.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE:

Upon completion of the Project, the Applicant shall submit a complete Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be un-enrolled under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. Attachment 2 to the Order contains the NOT form.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Brandon Salazar by phone at (559) 445-6278 or by email at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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