



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, LINE 800 MILE POST 16.56 EXPOSURE PROJECT (WDID# 5C16CR00026), KINGS COUNTY

On 23 August 2024, the Southern California Gas Company (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 (General Certification Order) for the Line 800 Mile Post 16.56 Exposure 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 is taking place within 0.18 acre 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.

The Project is being conducted 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 29 August 2024, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

An inspection of Line 800 at Mile Post 16.56 by the Applicant identified an external dent with metal loss, gouges, and corrosion on the pipeline at the Project location. On Thursday, 22 August 2024, Integrity Management declared an Immediate Repair Condition after discovering the anomalies.

The Applicant will excavate the banks and bed of the channel to expose and allow removal of the damaged section of pipeline. A temporary access road will be used to cross the channel that will be restored to original contours at project completion. After removal of the damaged section of pipeline, the trench will be over-excavated to a deeper depth within the right of way to provide sufficient soil coverage over the pipeline, followed by installation of a replacement 'drop-section' within the same alignment. After completion of the drop section installation, native subsoils will be returned to the trench to cover the pipeline and/or weed-free sand may be added to ensure pipe burial. The temporary bypass will be removed, and the gas line restored to full service, once the damaged section is replaced.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and those degrading ecological condition. 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	0.18		144
Vernal Pool			
Wetland			

REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The Applicant shall submit all reports in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Order No. WQ 2023-0061-DWQ, and in accordance with conditions specified in this Notice of Applicability and email it to centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov with a cc to Brandon Salazar at brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov. The WDID No. for this Project is **5C16CR00026**.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at within an unnamed irrigation ditch that historically conveyed waters from the Empire Westside Main Canal in Kings County.

Latitude: 36.210535 Degrees and Longitude: -119.905071 Degrees

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project started construction on 23 August 2024 and will continue until 6 September 2024.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,985.00 was received on 26 August 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 Brandon Salazar at (559) 445-6287 or at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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