
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK, CHAGOOPA PLATEAU METEOROLOGICAL STATION PROJECT, (WDID# 5C54CR00156), TULARE COUNTY

On 22 May 2025, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park (Permittee) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 12 October 2021 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permits (Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ) for the Chagoopa Plateau Meteorological Station (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Permittee, 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 0.172 acres of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 3a, Maintenance, 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/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

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 22 May 2025, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 Project consists of replacing a 17-foot wilderness hydrometeorological pole at Chagoopa Plateau with a new galvanized hinged fold tilt pole anchored to a ballast tray base and replacement of a snow pillow.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include the removal of the existing pole and snow pillow, construction of a new pad structure for the pole, and replacement of the snow pillow. The Project will temporarily impact 0.17 acre and permanently impact 0.0016 acre of wetland. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is in a meadow on the Chagoopa Plateau in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 36.49714 Degrees North and longitude -118.44672 Degrees West.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Construction is expected to begin 1 September 2025 with a duration of 30 days.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

Federal dischargers involved in Dredge and Fill Operations only are not subject to permit fees as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

ADDITIONAL CONDITION:

Annual Reporting: The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year on the 1st day of the month, one year after the effective date of this Notice of Applicability. Annual reporting shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee.

The Annual Report shall include the information specified in Attachment B, Part A of Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ. The Permittee shall submit the report in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ 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 5C54CR00156.

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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