
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE KAWEAH DELTA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, DRY CREEK DEBRIS BARRIER REPLACEMENT STRUCTURES PROJECT, (WDID# 5C54CR00175), TULARE COUNTY

On 5 June 2026, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (Permittee) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 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 2025-0066-DWQ) for the Dry Creek Debris Barrier Replacement Structures (Project). After reviewing 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 0.06 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/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 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 5 June 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 Project consists of restoring two existing debris barrier structures in Dry Creek that were damaged during the 2023 flood events. All work will occur during dry bed conditions using existing access roads and previously disturbed staging areas, with limited temporary and permanent impacts below the ordinary high-water mark at each site.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include removal of damaged steel poles, excavate and reconstruct the concrete footings, and install new barrier poles within the same footprint. The Project will temporarily impact 0.052 acre and permanently impact 0.0076 acre of Stream Channel. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located within Dry Creek near the City of Woodlake. The location of Site 1 is at latitude 36.458122 degrees North and longitude -119.028142 degrees West. The location of Site 2 is at latitude 36.453203 degrees North and longitude -119.028408 degrees West.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project is expected to commence as early as September 2026.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 9 June 2026. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(4) and was calculated as Category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

ADDITIONAL CONDITION:

- 1. 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 2025-0066-DWQ. The Permittee shall submit the report in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Order No. WQ 2025-0066-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 5C54CR00175.

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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