



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

**WATER QUALITY ORDER 2003-0003-DWQ
STATEWIDE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND
WITH A LOW THREAT TO WATER QUALITY
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION,
MONTE VISTA (EA NO. 03-3H610) DEWATERING PROJECT
PLACER COUNTY**

On 18 September 2024, California Transportation (Caltrans) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under Water Quality Order 2003-0003-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality (hereafter General Order) for dewatering activities at the above-referenced location. The September 2024 submittal contained all the information required to evaluate applicability of the General Order; therefore, the NOI is considered complete. Based on the information provided in the NOI, the discharge meets the conditions of the General Order. The discharge is hereby covered under State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) General Order and issued enrollee number 2003-0003-DWQ-0251. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The project proposes to preserve pavement by addressing existing pavement in fair and poor condition along the eastbound (EB) direction in Placer (PLA) County, PLA 80 PM 42.7/49.3. The project will also extend the life of existing drainage systems; install/replace/upgrade traffic management system elements in the EB direction; improve mobility by adding an EB truck climbing lane to achieve overall delay savings and improve traffic operation; upgrade nonstandard concrete median barrier, sign panels and overhead structures; evaluate and construct wildlife connectivity; improve roadside lighting; and construct retaining walls.

Approximately 3,000 gallons per day (gpd) of groundwater, which equates to approximately 600,000 gallons total for the project, is expected to be discharged

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intermittently between late 2024 and late 2027. Extracted groundwater in contact with concrete will be pumped to Baker tanks where it will be treated and neutralized prior to discharge, as described in the Caltrans' Discharger Monitoring Plan (DMP) provided by Caltrans in the NOI. The treated water will be used for dust control, road-base compaction, and discharged to infiltration basins within Caltrans' right-of-way.

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fifth Edition, revised May 2018 (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Board. Pursuant to §13263(a) of the California Water Code, waste discharge requirements must implement the Basin Plan.

FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The General Order and this NOA regulate groundwater dewatering for the Monte Vista project (EA No. 03-3H610).

1. Water generated during construction dewatering shall be disposed of as described in the Notice of Intent, the DMP, and in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order.
2. Construction dewatering discharge at a location or in a manner different from that described in the NOI or this NOA is prohibited
3. All technical reports required herein that involve evaluation, or other work requiring interpretation and proper application of engineering or geologic sciences, shall be prepared by or under the direction of persons registered to practice in California pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, section 6735, 7835, and 7835.1. As required by these laws, completed technical reports must bear the signature(s) and seal(s) of the registered professional(s) in a manner such that all work can be clearly attributed to the professional responsible for the work.
4. For construction dewatering, monitoring results shall be submitted on a semi-annual basis in accordance the General Order's Monitoring and Reporting Program and the Discharger's DMP, which was included in the NOI. Semi-annual monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board on the **15th day of the second month following monitoring** (i.e. the January through June report is due August 15 and the July through December report is due February 15). Monitoring shall include the approximate volume of discharge at each discharge location and date of each discharge (see the MRP included in the Order).
5. The Discharger shall submit the required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing issued by the State Water Board) until the NOA is officially terminated.

6. Failure to abide by the conditions of the General Order, including its monitoring and reporting requirements, and this letter authorizing applicability could result in enforcement actions, as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code

DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to: centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov.

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information should be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name: Monte Vista (03-3H610) Dewatering Project
Program: Non-15 Compliance
Order: WQO 2003-0003-DWQ-0251
CIWQS Place ID: 896626

Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
ECM Mailroom
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Now that the revised NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Guy Childs is your point of contact for any questions about enrollment under the Order. All monitoring and technical reports should be submitted to him. The enclosed transmittal sheet shall be included with each monitoring report. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Guy will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Guy at (916) 464-4648 or at guy.childs@waterboards.ca.gov.

for Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

enclosures: Water Quality Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ
Monitoring Report Submittal Transmittal Form
Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements

cc w/o encl: Placer County Environmental Health Department

