
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 1, 2021

Ms. Kerry Molz
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Dear Ms. Molz:

Subject: Amendment to the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401, Water Quality Certification for Highway 3 PM 25.24 Hayfork Mountain Culvert 2 Project

File: CDOT Highway 3 PM 25.24 Hayfork Mountain Culvert 2 Project, WDID No. 1A21066WNTR, ECM PIN CW- 873443, Caltrans EA: 02-2J170

On August 25, 2021, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received your request to amend the August 25, 2021, Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) for the Highway 3 PM 25.24 Hayfork Mountain Culvert 2 Project. The certification will expire on August 25, 2026. The proposed change to the 401 Certification is to the Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts in Finding 9., and to the 401 Certification expiration date in Standard Conditions 24. The Regional Water Board has determined the requested changes are not material changes.

In response to your request, this letter serves as an amendment to the August 25, 2021 401 Certification, amending the following:

Findings

- Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts:** Caltrans proposes to implement site-specific temporary or permanent BMPs, including treatment controls, soil stabilization, minimization measures, to intercept sediment before it reaches the waterway, and develop a Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP), or a Storm Water Pollution Control Plan if required under the Construction General Permit. All disturbed ground will receive appropriate erosion control treatment, and any groundwater or surface water from excavation will be fully contained. Caltrans contract specifications will require the preparation and approval of a Construction Dewatering BMP Plan to document and describe existing and proposed non-stormwater discharges and the standard BMPs that will be implemented to

eliminate and/or minimize potential water quality impacts to receiving waters in conformance with the current Caltrans Field Guide to Construction Site Dewatering. The Project will be constructed during the dry season (May through October) to avoid stormwater pollution. All work within the stream channel, streambanks, or riparian areas would be scheduled from June 15 to October 15.

Standard Conditions

24. The authorization of this certification for any dredge and fill activities expires on August 25, 2026. Conditions and monitoring requirements outlined in this certification are not subject to the expiration date outlined above, and remain in full effect and are enforceable to ensure compliance with water quality objectives adopted or approved under Sections 13170 or 13245 of the CA Water Code.

I hereby issue an amendment to Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts in Finding 9., and to the 401 Certification expiration date in Standard Condition 24 to the certification for the Highway 3 PM 25.24 Hayfork Mountain Culvert Project (WDID No. 1A21066WNTR) certifying that the remainder of the Water Quality Certification sections of the August 25, 2026, Order are still valid. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Susan Stewart by email at Susan.Stewart@waterboards.ca.gov or call (707) 576-2657.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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