
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER WQ 2022-0048-DWQ,
ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS
STATEWIDE, WILLOW BEND FLOODPLAIN RECONNECTION PROJECT
(WDID#5A06CR00082), COLUSA COUNTY**

On 8 May 2025, Julie Rentner submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ, Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide (Order).

The Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Willow Bend Floodplain Reconnection Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order. 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 [Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Coverage under the Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified. Failure to comply with Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 4.96-acre Project will enhance fish habitat and provide suitable depths and velocities for juvenile salmonid rearing habitat by restoring and maintaining a backwater channel connection with the Sacramento River and modifying the side channel inlet to minimize sedimentation and maintain flows. This will occur over a 750-foot stretch at the lower end of the side channel and include grading the side channel to facilitate flows that align with the river's flow direction to promote sediment movement in the channel.

The Project will also include placing shrubs and woody material through the project area to provide cover for salmonids. Excavation and reconnection of the floodplain area will temporarily impact the existing area, resulting in reconnecting the floodplain area to provide better juvenile rearing and floodplain habitat. Project construction will temporarily impact approximately 0.26 acre of riparian wetlands and 2.28 acres of stream bed/stream bank, totaling approximately 2.55 acres along 495 linear feet of waters of the state. Of these temporary impacts, 1.11 acres are designated for access routes, 1.21 acres for staging areas, and 0.28 acre for roadway connection restoration.

Project construction will permanently impact approximately 0.58 acre of riparian wetlands and 1.13 acres of stream bed/stream bank, totaling approximately 1.72 acres along 448 linear feet of waters of the state. Of these permanent impacts, approximately 0.86 acre for the natively revegetated spoils pile and 0.86 acre for floodplain reconnection will occur.

The Project will temporarily impact 2.55 acres/495 linear feet and permanently impact 1.72 acres/448.36 linear feet of wetland, riparian, and stream channel habitat. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located from River Mile 158.3 to 158.7 on the east side adjacent to the Sacramento River, approximately 9 miles north of Colusa and north of the Moulton Weir. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 39° 20' 44.42" and longitude -122° 1' 37.45".

Assessor's Parcel No: 012-160-043-000, 012-170-044-000, 012-170-066-000

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

1 September 2025 through 30 April 2026

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

\$1,123.00 was received on 13 June 2025. 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 D - Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Permittee shall follow notification and reporting requirements described in this Notice of Applicability (NOA), and those found in Attachment D of the Order WQ 2022-0048-DWQ, unless specified as an optional requirement and excluded from this NOA.

1. Annual Reporting

The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year within one month of the anniversary of the effective date of this Notice of Applicability. Annual reporting shall continue until the active discharge period is complete and the project enters the post-construction monitoring phase where upon the Permittee shall annually submit a Post-Construction Monitoring Report (Report Type 2) The Post-Construction Monitoring Report shall be submitted on the anniversary of the date that the project restoration activities were completed.

The Annual Report and Post Construction Monitoring Report shall include the information specified in Attachment D, Part A of Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ. The Permittee shall submit the report in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment D of Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ and email it to centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov and cc Sara Gevorgyan at Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov.

2. Notification for In-Water Work and Diversions

The project proponent shall notify the Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in flowing or standing water or stream diversions. Notification may be via e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means. Within three (3) working days following completion of work in water or stream diversions, an In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report must be submitted to the Water Board.

3. Water Quality Monitoring Plan for In-Water Work or Diversions

A Water Quality Monitoring Plan shall be submitted to the approving Water Board for acceptance at least thirty (30) days in advance of commencement of project activity. Standards for in-water work or diversions are discussed in General In-Water Measures, specifically IWW-6, presented in Attachment A. The Permittee shall comply with the approving Water Board-specific water quality control plan water quality objectives and reporting requirements.

4. Environmental Monitoring

Per General Protection Measure 5 (GPM-5) of the Order, a resource specialist shall ensure that all applicable protective measures are implemented during project construction. The resource specialist shall have authority to stop any work if they determine that any permit requirement is not fully implemented. The resource specialist shall prepare and maintain a monitoring log of construction site conditions and observations, which will be kept on file.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

Upon completion of the Project, you shall submit a Notice of Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after Project completion. The NOC shall demonstrate the Project was carried out in accordance with the Project description, include a map of the Project location with final boundaries of the restoration area, and include post-project photographs. More information on the NOC is listed in section B.6 of the Order.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Sara Gevorgyan by phone at (916) 464-4710 or by email at Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:
Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ,
Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and
Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide

Attachments: Figure 1: Location Map

cc: Distribution List [Via email only]

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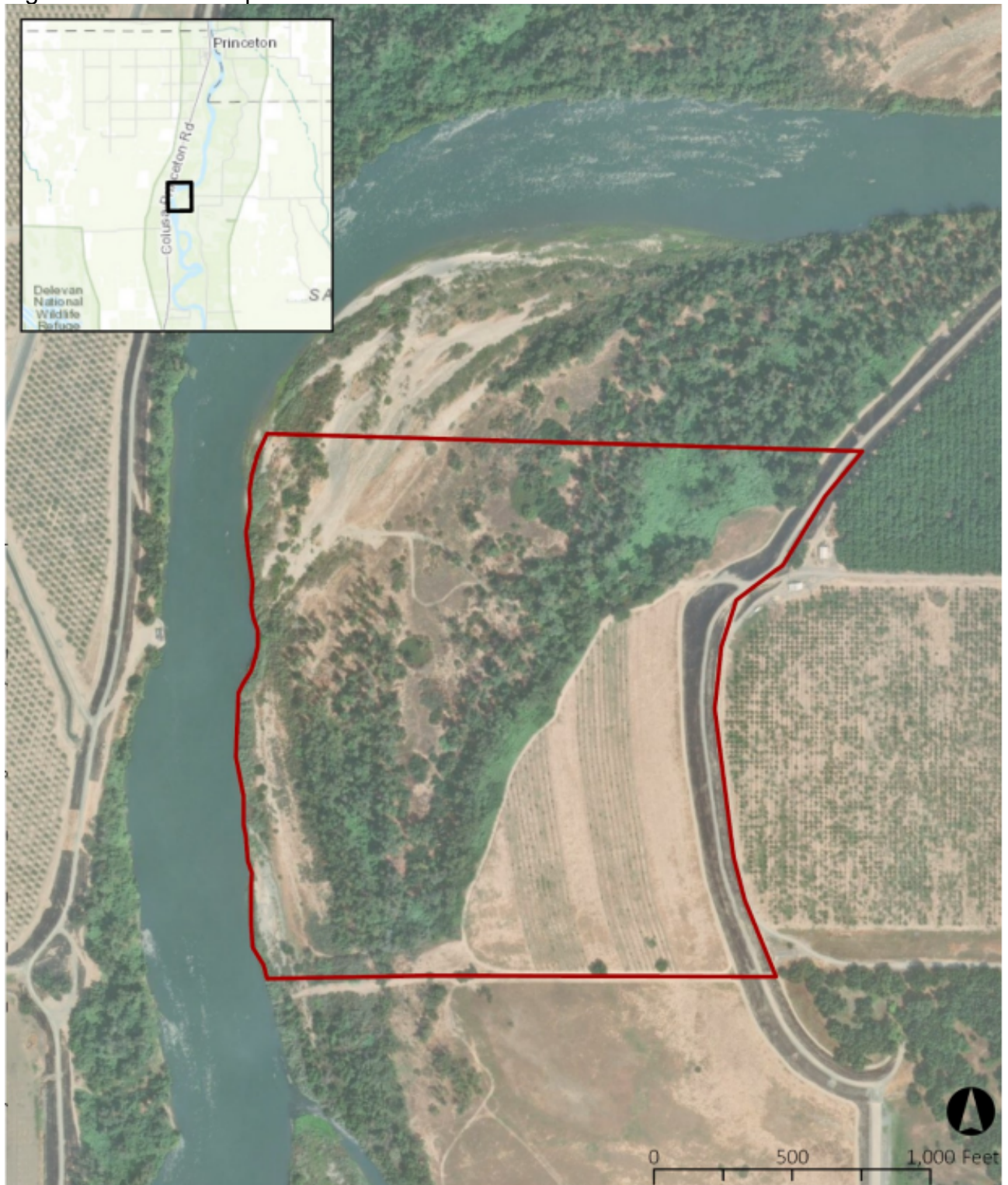
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Figure 1: Location Map



Legend

 Project Boundary