



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR CALTRANS, EA 03-4J110 GRASS VALLEY WILDFIRE EVACUATION ROUTE - GEOTECHNICAL SURVEYS (WDID#5A29CR00145), NEVADA COUNTY

On 14 April 2025, Caltrans (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 25 February 2022 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2021 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order) for the EA 03-4J110 Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Route - Geotechnical Surveys Project (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, 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 0.00000232 acre/1.17 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #6 (Survey Activities), 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 Order webpage and is enclosed.

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 14 April 2025, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under

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the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The EA 03-4J110 Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Route - Geotechnical Surveys Project (Project) consists of drilling and collecting subsurface soil/rock samples for analysis and design recommendations of the foundation for the proposed widening. The subsurface investigation will include performing geotechnical borings into South Wolf Creek. There will be two boring locations (B#17 and B#18) that will bore through the South Wolf Creek bridge deck extending into the underlying creek.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.000002 acre/1.17 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Nevada County, State Route 49, Postmile 3.6

Latitude: 39.062279 and Longitude: -121.088653

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project schedule will be from 15 June 2025 through 3 October 2025.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4212.00 was received on 14 April 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Olivia Ilsley by phone at (916) 464-4673 or by email at Olivia.Ilsley@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Board Certification of the 2021 Nationwide Permits General Water Quality Certification and Order

Attachments: Figure 1 – Geotechnical Boring Locations

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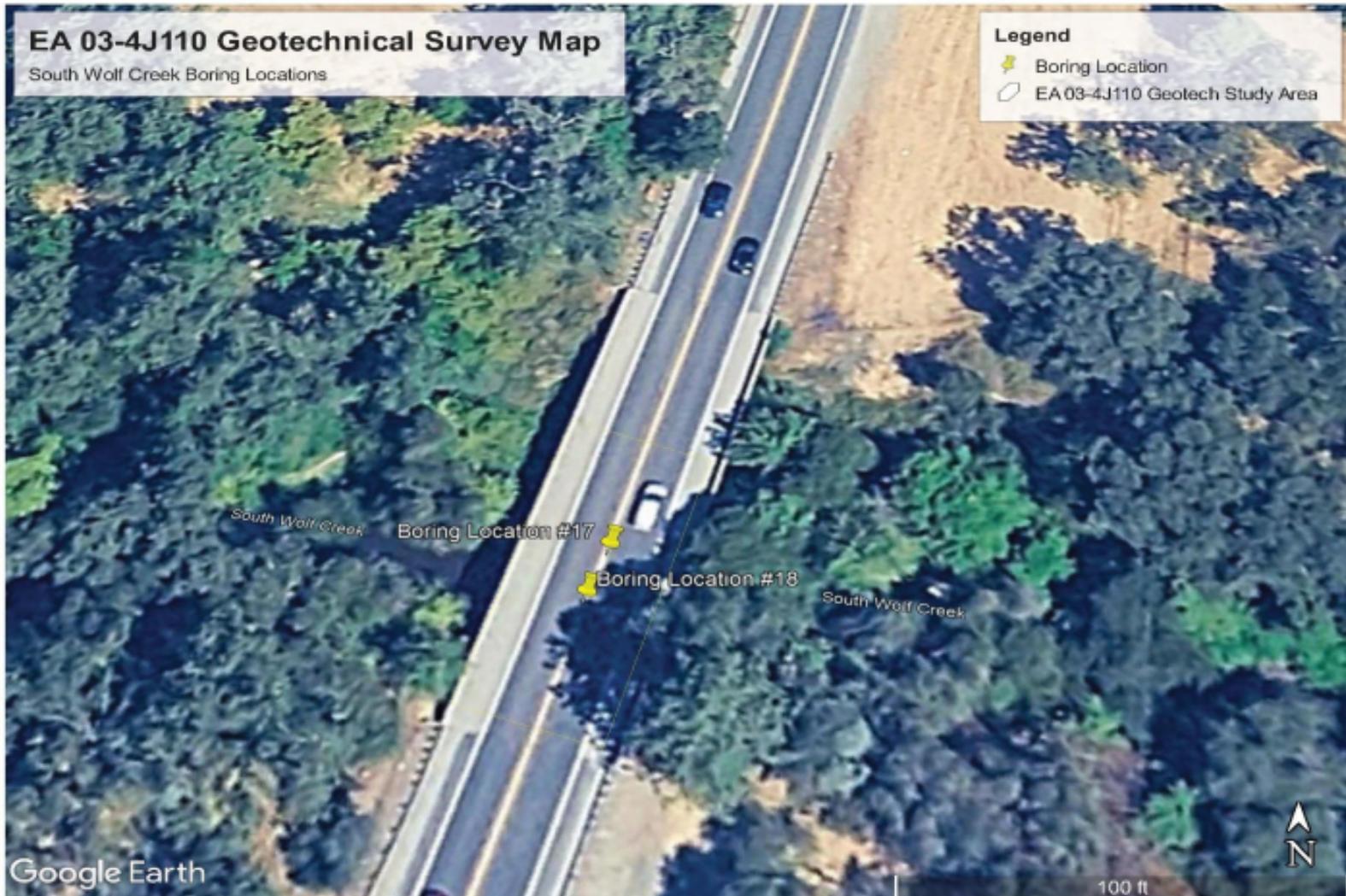


Figure 1: Geotechnical Boring Locations