
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL ORDER NO. R5-2020-0048, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF THE WESTERN PLACER COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT, AUBURN GRACE CHURCH COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT (WDID#5A31CR00534-036), PLACER COUNTY

On 20 May 2025, Auburn Grace Community Church (Permittee) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) General Order R5-2020-0048, Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification of the Western Placer County Habitat Conservation Plan Programmatic General Permit. The NOI was deemed complete on 28 August 2025. Prior to receiving a complete NOI, Central Valley Water Board staff issued a notice of incomplete application and the Permittee responded to the request for information on the following dates:

Date of Notice of Incomplete Application: **18 June 2025**
Date all requested information was received: **25 June 2025**

Central Valley Water Board staff requested additional information necessary to supplement the contents of the complete NOI and the Permittee responded to the request for supplemental information on the following dates:

Date of Request for Supplemental Information: **28 August 2025**
Date all requested information was received: **8 October 2025**

The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Auburn Grace Church Community Park Project (Project) meets the eligibility requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, General Order R5-2020-0048. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of General Order R5-2020-0048 can be found on the [Central Valley Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wqcerts/5a31cr00534.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wqcerts/5a31cr00534.pdf).

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of General Order R5-2020-0048. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with General Order R5-2020-0048 constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 7.9-acre Project consists of developing a community park as an extension of the existing Auburn Grace Community Church. The Park will include a community garden, picnic and playground facilities, multi-sport field, walking trail, outdoor stage, court sport facilities, restrooms, and a parking lot.

An existing Nevada Irrigation District (NID) irrigation ditch (Combie Ophir Canal) will be piped from the northeast corner of the Project Area (near the intersection of Bell Road and Olympic Way) to the southwest corner of the Project Area. The ditch is currently piped northward from the northeast corner of the Project Area across Bell Road and through the existing residential parcels to the north. The new pipeline through the Project Area will be a southern extension of the existing pipeline.

The Project will install approximately 731.29-feet of 60-inch diameter pipe underground through the Project Area slightly west of the existing ditch and bury the pipeline with fill material. The inlet for the new pipe will connect to existing NID infrastructure in the northeast corner of the Project Area and the outlet will drain to the existing un-piped ditch in the southwest corner of the Project Area. The former location of the open ditch will be buried with fill material after water is diverted to the new pipeline. The canal will be temporarily dewatered and diverted at certain times during the project.

An intermittent stream and seasonal wetland swale located within the development footprint will be filled during grading of the site. Grading within the area of the intermittent stream in the northeast corner of the site will occur during the dry season when no flow is present in the channel. A 24-inch diameter underground pipeline would be installed to maintain hydrology of the stream.

The Project will permanently impact 0.06 acre/125 linear feet of intermittent stream, 0.004 acre/38 linear feet of seasonal wetland swale, and 0.26 acre/771 linear feet of the Combie Ophir Canal.

PROJECT TYPE:

Recreation

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

The Applicant shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, as amended for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction

activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavations, and other land disturbance activities of one or more acres, or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at 3120 Deseret Drive and 3126 Olympic Drive in Placer County.

Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 38.941085° N and Longitude: -121.111728° W

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project is anticipated to start in April 2026 and be completed within a 12-month timeframe.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 23 May 2025 to 13 June 2025. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION

To mitigate for the loss of 0.06 acre of intermittent stream and 0.004 acre of seasonal wetland swale, the Applicant shall purchase a minimum of 0.09 riverine credits and 0.01 wetland complex credits from the Western Placer County In-Lieu Fee Program for the impacted watershed prior to commencing construction. The Applicant shall provide evidence of purchase of In-Lieu Fee Program credits to the Central Valley Water Board prior to commencing construction. At a minimum, compensatory mitigation must achieve a ratio of 1.5:1 for permanent impacts. Compensatory mitigation must comply with the effective policy, which ensures no overall net loss of wetlands for impacts to waters of the state, at the time of Certification.

Evidence of compliance with compensatory mitigation requirements includes providing a letter from the in-lieu fee recipient. The letter must: a) be on the in-lieu fee recipient's letterhead; b) be signed by an authorized representative of the in-lieu fee recipient; c) indicate the United States Army Corps of Engineers' SPK number; d) describe the Project name and location; and e) detail the type of in-lieu fees paid for the Project's impacts.

Compensatory mitigation is not required for impacts to the Combie Ophir Canal.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 12 June 2025. The remaining application fee balance of \$7,802.00 was received on 8 October 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

PROJECT SPECIFIC AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:

The proposed Project will comply with all applicable measures identified within Master Conditions on Covered Activities Checklist, submitted as Attachment 5 of the application. The Applicant will implement the Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs) and construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) outlined in the County Aquatic Resource Program (CARP) document, the Habitat Conservation Program/Natural Community Conservation Program (HCP/NCCP) document, and General Order No. 5 R5-2020-0048.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING:

A water quality monitoring plan shall be submitted to Central Valley Water Board staff for acceptance at least 30 days in advance of any discharge to the affected water body. Water quality monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with the approved plan.

PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this NOA, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this NOA falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Links to the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the [Water Quality Petitions Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request."

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Nicholas Savino by phone at (916) 464-4920 or by email at Nicholas.Savino@waterboards.ca.gov.

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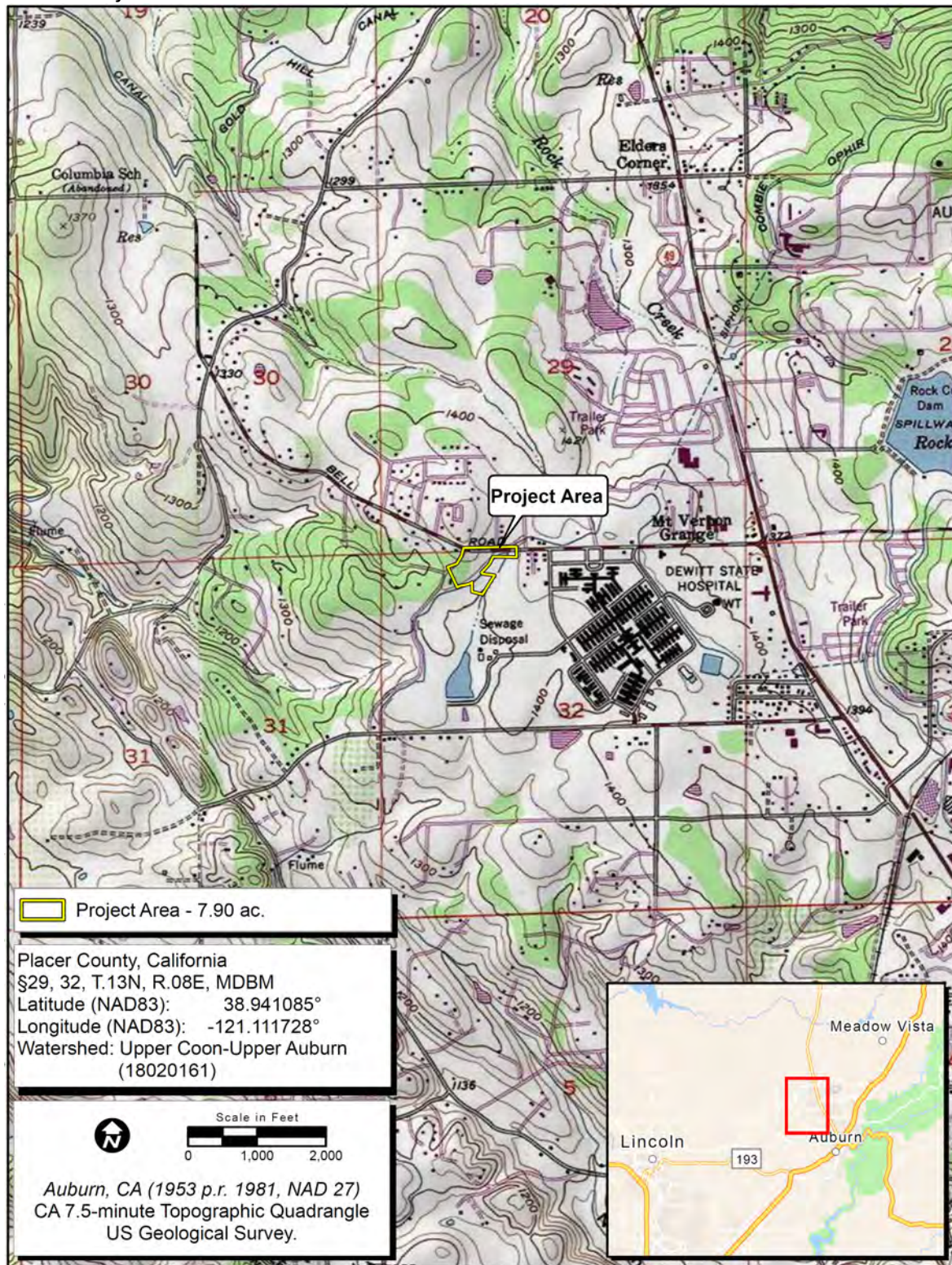
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Figure 1: Project Location



Attachment 2. Project Area Location and Vicinity

Figure 2: Project Impacts

