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## 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, AMERICAN RIVER DEBRIS REMOVAL PROJECT (WDID#5A31CR00612), PLACER COUNTY**

On 14 February 2025, the Placer County Department of Public Works 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 American River Debris Removal 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](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 Coverage under the Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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.

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NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The 4.99-acre Project consists of the removing bridge debris from the North Fork American River channel immediately downstream of the confluence of the North and Middle Forks of the American River.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include approximately 1.41 acres of temporary impacts occurring as a result of in-water work and construction of a temporary diversion system required to remove the debris from the North Fork American River. No permanent impacts to the stream channel are anticipated as a result of the debris removal. The Project will temporarily impact 1.41 acres/577 linear feet of streambed/stream bank habitat. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is located adjacent to the California State Route (SR) 49 Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 19-35) over the North Fork American River between Placer County and El Dorado County. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 38.914913° and longitude -121.041°.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The expected duration of the project is from June 2025 to December 2027. Work will take place year-round with approximately 60 total workdays.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

\$4,212.00 was received on 18 February 2025. The fee amount was determined as required by the 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.

**ANNUAL FEES:**

This NOA is subject to annual billing based on the fee schedule in effect at the time of billing. Annual billing will continue until the Project, including monitoring, is complete and the Central Valley Water Board receives an acceptable Request for a Notice of Project Complete Letter (see Attachment D of Statewide Restoration General Order). Invoices are usually sent out at the end of each calendar year.

To stop annual billing, the Enrollee must request a Notice of Project Complete Letter from the Central Valley Water Board. Central Valley Water Board staff will verify if the conditions of the NOA are met and may conduct a site visit to confirm compliance.

For more information on fees, visit the [State Water Board's Water Quality Fees website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/), ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water\\_quality/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/)) under Water Quality Certification (WQC) Program Fees.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

On 4 March 2025, Placer County as lead agency, verified compliance with the SRGO programmatic environmental impact report (PEIR) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2019100230) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 6 March 2025.

## **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](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov) and cc Carter Cook at [Carter.Cook@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Carter.Cook@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, or within a timeframe specified by the approving Water Board, 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 Carter Cook by phone at (916) 464-4699 or by email at [Carter.Cook@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Carter.Cook@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 – Project Location  
Figure 2 – Site Impacts

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Figure 1 – Project Location



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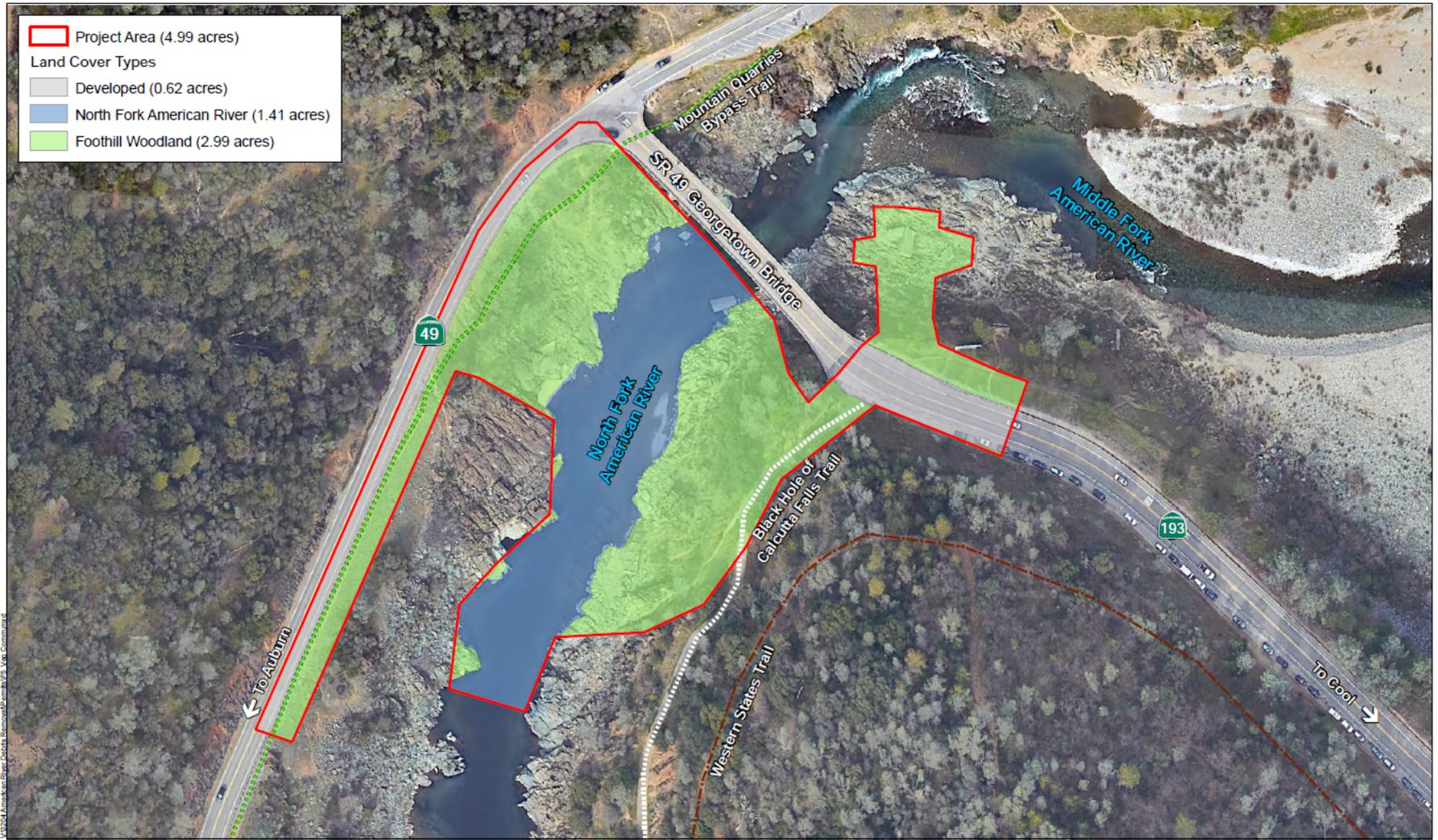
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FIGURE 2  
Project Location  
American River Debris Removal Project  
Placer County and El Dorado County, California

Figure 2 – Site Impacts



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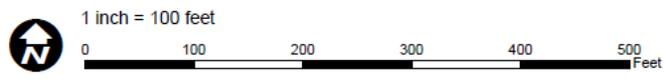


Figure 5  
Land Cover Types  
American River Debris Removal Project  
Placer County, California