



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; SOUTH SUTTER LLC, LAKESIDE SEWER PIPELINE PROJECT (WDID#5A34CR00833A1), SACRAMENTO COUNTY

This Order responds to the 7 January 2025 request for an amendment of the Lakeside Sewer Pipeline Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5A34CR00833). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 24 December 2021. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

South Sutter LLC is requesting an amendment to include a culvert replacement alternative to the Project Description. South Sutter LLC was notified after the Certification was issued that the County of Sacramento may require the culvert replacement activities not described in the Certification. In a 24 December 2024 email, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife concurred with the proposed work.

The Certification is amended to include the following alternative to the Project Description:

The Lakeside Sewer Pipeline Project consists of installing a seven-mile long, 18-inch diameter force main sewer line to connect the Sutter Pointe Specific Plan area to the Upper Northwest Interceptor. The force mains are being installed using open trench construction methods in the roadway; the existing asphalt pavement is sawcut and the soil excavated and placed within the roadway along the side of the trench. The existing culvert at West M Street, just east of West 6th Street will be preserved in-place by carefully excavating the material under the culvert to place the sewer force main pipe underneath. This box culvert is located adjacent to

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a 36-inch by 42-inch corrugated metal pipe culvert that will also be avoided. Leaving the existing culvert infrastructure intact will provide the dual advantages of reducing environmental impacts (e.g., temporary and permanent fill of aquatic habitat that would result from installation of a new replacement precast culvert) and will avoid any impact to giant garter snake habitat.

If a rain event is expected, the upstream end of the culvert pipe will be filled with sandbags, remove standing water with a dewatering pump and discharge the pumped water directly to the downstream end of the culvert end of the intermittent drainage feature in a manner consistent with any SWPPP requirements and reduce the risk of the concrete pipe cracking under its own weight while temporarily trenching underneath to install the pipeline force main.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Biological Opinion states that construction activities in suitable habitat for giant garter snake will be restricted to the snake's active season between 1 May and 30 September. However, since the revised work around the box culvert will be restricted to the roadway Right of Way and hence entirely avoid aquatic habitat an unpaved upland habitat for the giant garter snake, it is expected that the 1 May to 30 September work window restriction would no longer apply.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$2,066.00 for the original Certification were received on 28 September 2021. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3383(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), as was calculated as category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Lakeside Sewer Pipeline Project (WDID#5A34CR00833A1). All other conditions and provisions of the original Water Quality Certification and any previously approved amendments remain in full force and effect, except as modified based on the conditions of this Order. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the original Water Quality Certification, previously approved amendments, or of this Order may result in suspension or revocation of the Water Quality Certification.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:
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Executive Officer

Attachment: Figure 1 – Project Location Map

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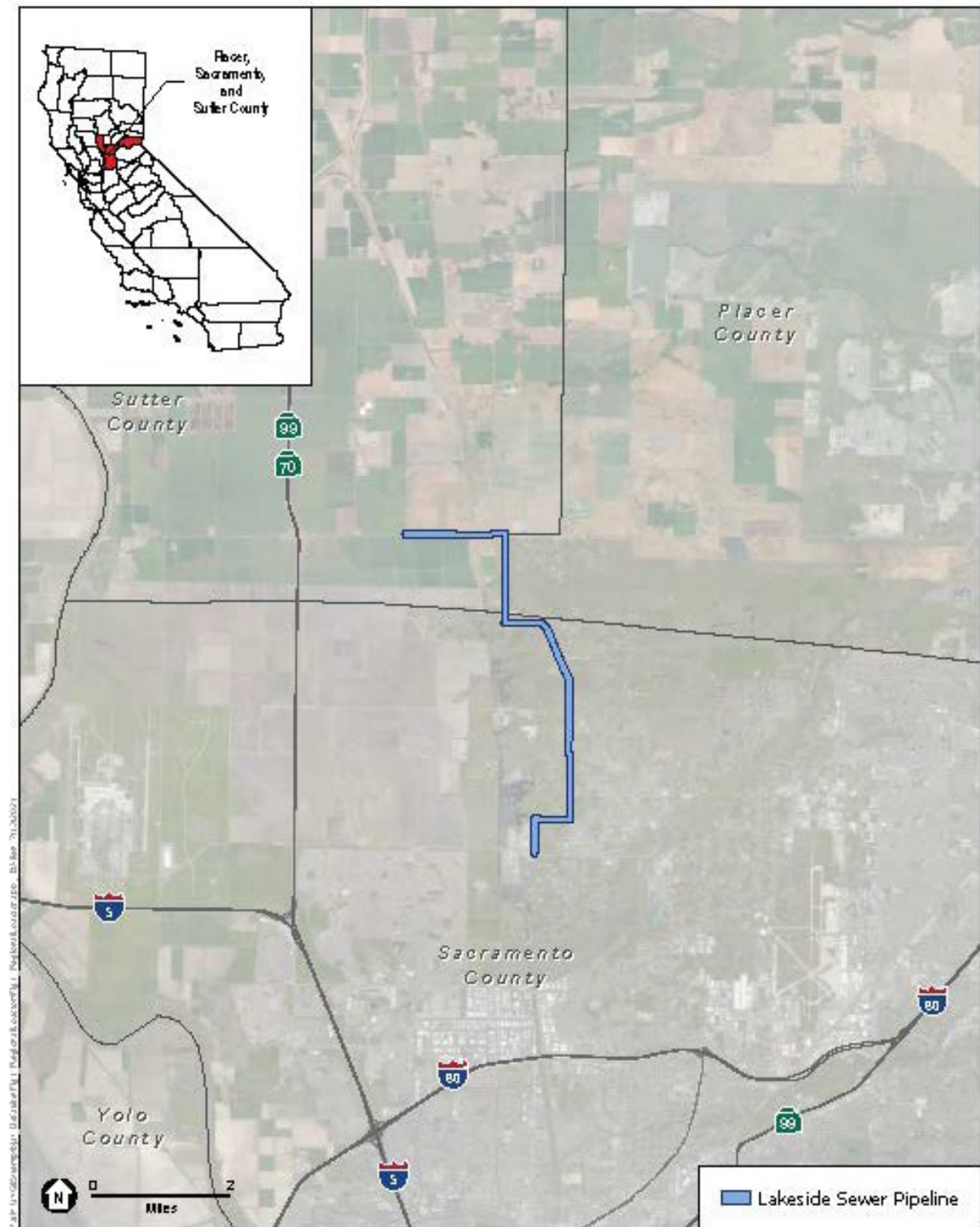
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Figure 1 – Project Location Map



SO URC E: Mavor 2019; EBRI, 2012; ESA, 2021

Lakesides Sewer Pipeline

Figure 1
Regional Location