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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, KERRICK MEADOW TRAIL REROUTE AND MEADOW RESTORATION  
PROJECT (WDID#5B55CR00187), MARIPOSA COUNTY**

On 20 May 2025, Yosemite National Park 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 Kerrick Meadow Trail Reroute and Meadow Restoration 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 Coverage under the Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The 3.25-acre Project consists of the rerouting of approximately 3,400 feet of trail that bisects a fen-wet meadow complex out of the meadow to the east to a more durable non-wetland area. Then the Project will restore the old trail sections located in the meadow (roughly 3,400 feet).

Ecological restoration of old trail sections in Kerrick Meadow will include the following techniques: place obstructions to disguise trail and discourage future use; remove linear trail features by decompacting ruts using shovels and other hand tools and recontour the old trail by adding fill composed of rock and woody debris to match surrounding grade; scatter locally gathered seeds and duff/mulch. Native vegetation will be salvaged prior to tread work and restoration, then replanted after the site is prepared. Plants will be watered with a solar powered water pump thereby eliminating new social trail development. Temporary signs informing visitors "Area Closed for Restoration" will be placed for up to 2-3 seasons following work. The maximum depth of ground disturbance is anticipated to be 12 inches below surface. Tools may include grip hoist, solar powered water pump, shovels, mcleods, rakes, rock bars, tarps, and pull sleds.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include permanent impacts from the reroute of the trail. While most of the new trail will be routed through uplands, there are two small sections that cross wetlands. Temporary impacts to wetlands are from restoring the abandoned trail to wetland meadow. The Project will temporarily impact 0.83 acre/2,630 linear feet and permanently impact 0.04 acre/843 linear feet of wetland. impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is located in Kerrick Meadow, Yosemite Designated Wilderness. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 38.11920° N and longitude 119.48164° W.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

Project construction is expected to begin 20 July 2025 and end 31 October 2027.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

Federal dischargers involved in Dredge and Fill Operations only are not subject to permit fees as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061. Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333, small habitat restoration projects. Additionally, the Central Valley Water Board concludes that no California Code of Regulations, title 14, section exceptions to the CEQA exemption apply to the activities approved by this Order.

The Central Valley Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption with the State

Clearinghouse within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Order. (California Code of Regulations., title 14, section 15062.)

## **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 copy 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, 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 the 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:*

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Attachments:      Figure 1- Wetland Delineation Kerrick North  
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                            Figure 3- Wetland Impacts Kerrick North  
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Figure 1: Wetland Delineation- Kerrick North

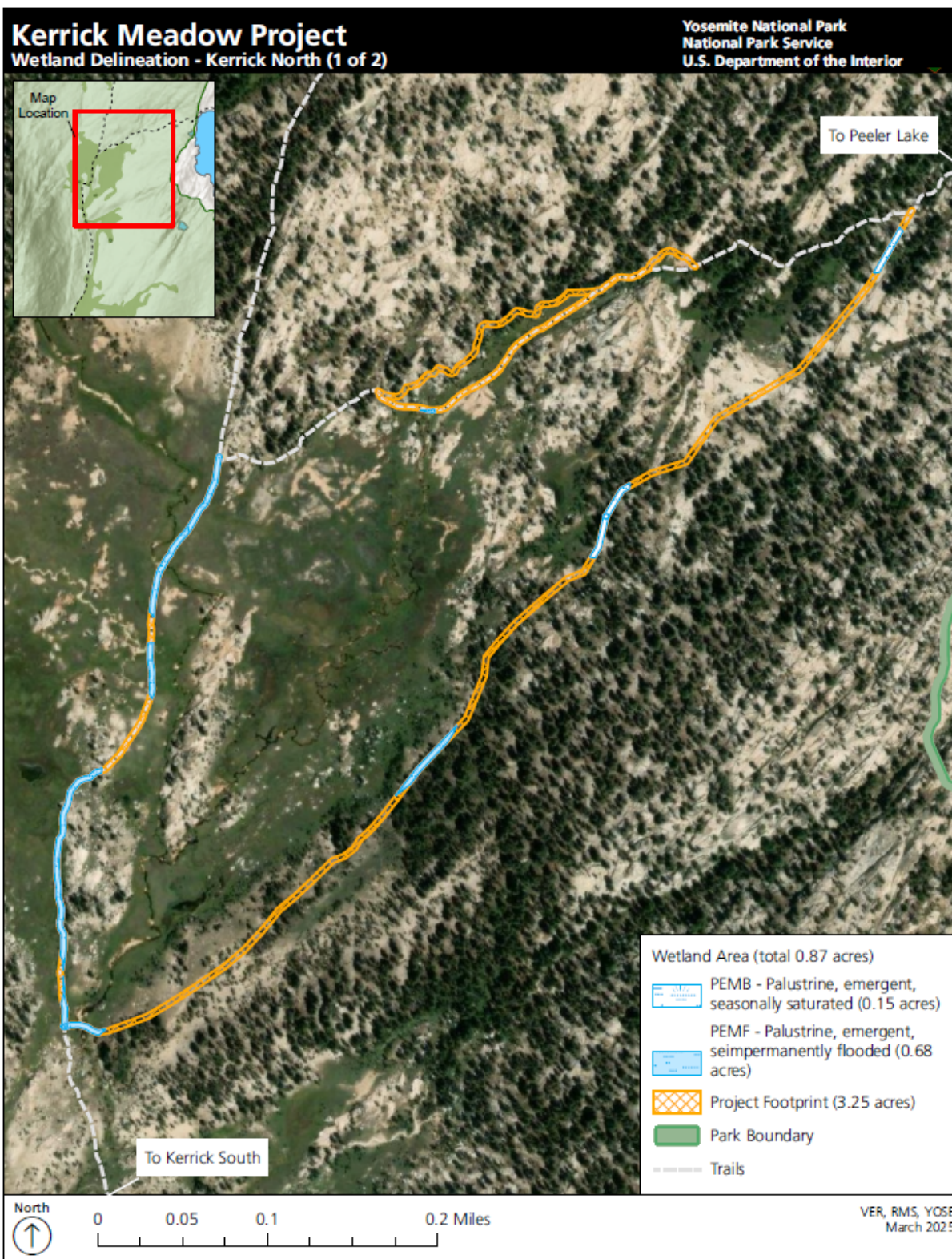




Figure 2: Wetland Delineation- Kerrick South





Figure 3: Wetland Impacts- Kerrick North

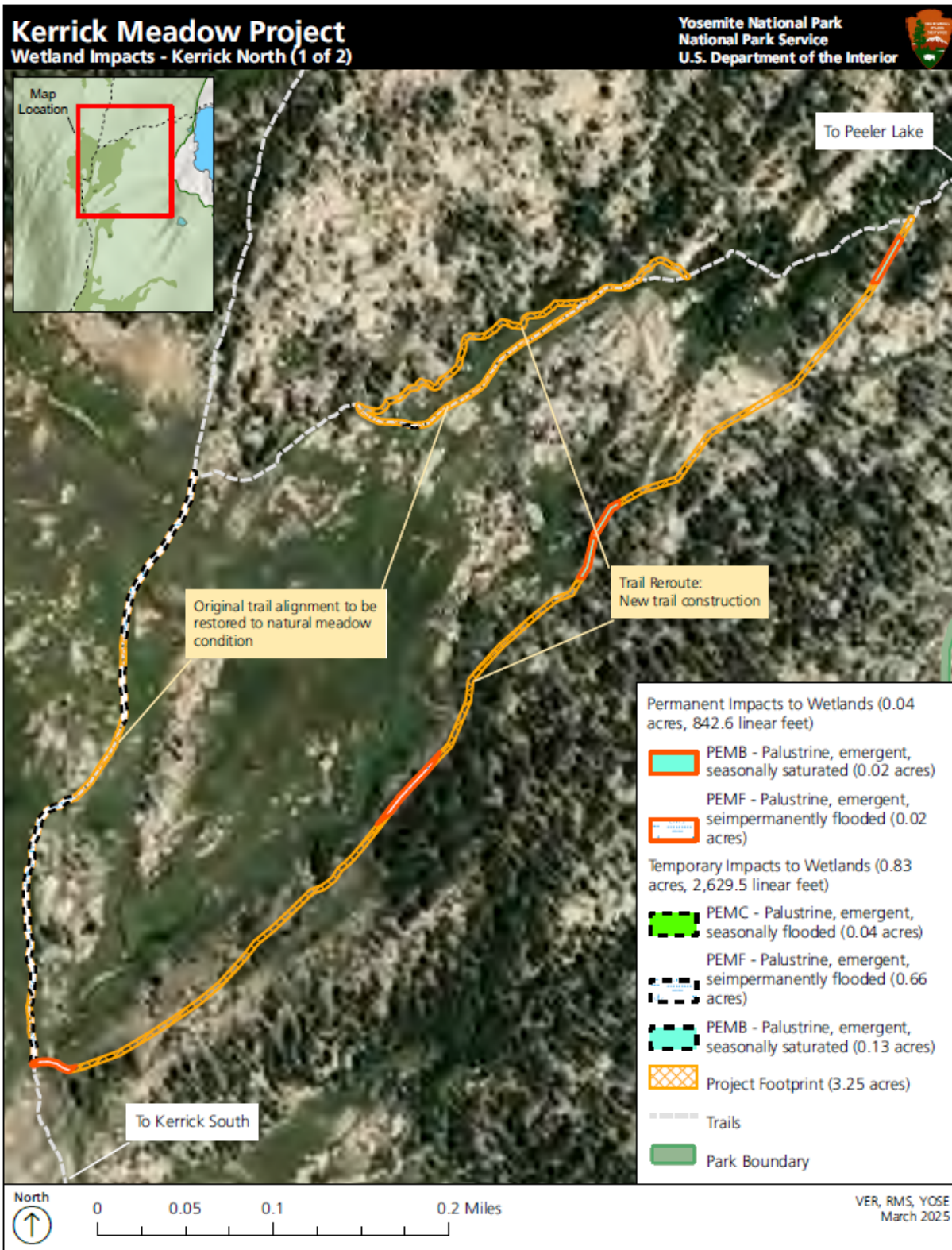


Figure 4: Wetland Impacts- Kerrick South

