Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER NO. 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, MCKITTRICK CORE WELL ABANDONMENT PROJECT (WDID 5C15CR00167), KERN COUNTY

On 28 August 2026, Chevron USA Inc. (Applicant) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has reviewed the enrollment materials and finds the McKittrick Core Well Abandonment Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant may proceed with the Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of Order 2004-0004-DWQ (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) can be found on the State Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. 2004-0004-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 0.48-acre Project consists of retiring four idle core oil wells located within ephemeral drainages of the McKittrick Oil Field. These wells lack complete historical

abandonment documentation therefore they require formal plug-and-abandon procedures. Project activities involve preparing each well site, conducting plug-and-abandon operations, and restoring the disturbed areas within the ephemeral drainage features. Site preparation consists of limited vegetation clearing and minor grading to establish safe access, performed under biological oversight to avoid impacts to sensitive species. Abandonment work includes establishing well control, enlarging the upper portion of each core hole, and installing surface casing of the well. The wellbores are then cleaned out to their original depth and sealed with cement.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include disturbing portions of ephemeral channels. Disturbance includes short-term vegetation removal, grading, and small excavations around each well.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition. Temporarily impacted areas shall be restored to pre-Project condition.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Lake			
Ocean/bay/estuary			
Riparian Zone			
Stream Channel	0.13		
Vernal Pool			
Wetland			

PROJECT LOCATION:
The Project is within the McKittrick Oil Field in western Kern County. The Project locations are listed below in Table 2.

Table 2: Project Site Locations

Site Name	Latitude	Longitude
311D	35.303019	-119.638597
390D	35.318659	-119.671447
403D	35.312984	-119.657341
416D	35.303207	-119.638343

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
The Project is expected to commence in Fall of 2026 and finish in May 2027.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:
A fee of $4,212.00 was received on 21 April 2025. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(4), and was calculated as category A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84). with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE:
Upon completion of the Project, the Applicant shall submit a complete Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be un-enrolled under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. Attachment 2 to the Order contains the NOT form.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Brandon Salazar by phone at (559) 445-6278 or by email at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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