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I. Order

This Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 Water Quality Certification action and Order (Order) is issued at the request of County of Tulare – Public Works (hereinafter Permittee) for the Project. This Order is for the purpose described in application and supplemental information submitted by the Permittee. The application was received on 22 April 2026. The application was deemed complete on 1 May 2026. Central Valley Water Board staff requested additional information necessary to supplement the contents of the complete application and the Permittee responded to the request for supplemental information on the following dates:

Date of Request for Supplemental Information: **22 April 2026**
Date of all requested information was received: **30 September 2026**

II. Public Notice

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from 20 March 2026 to 10 April 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

III. Project Purpose

The purpose of the proposed Project is to widen Avenue 280, a principal east–west transportation corridor linking the City of Visalia with surrounding unincorporated areas of Tulare County, in order to accommodate projected increases in traffic volumes, reduce congestion, and improve roadway safety. The Project also aims to enhance paved shoulder conditions, widen the existing bridge structure, and improve Class I trail facilities to support multimodal access and strengthen regional connectivity.

IV. Project Description

Avenue 280 is a major east–west corridor connecting State Route 99 with Visalia, Farmersville, Exeter, and nearby areas. Forecasted 2030 traffic increases require improvements to reduce congestion, widen shoulders and the bridge, and enhance Class 1 trail connectivity. The key improvements include the following,

- Widening Avenue 280 from two to four lanes with a median, bike lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalks between Lovers Lane and South Virginia Avenue.
- Median upgrades between Lovers Lane and Road 148 and between Road 156 and South Virginia Avenue.
- Eleven new curb returns at major intersections.
- ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps.
- Landscape median, Class 1 bike path, decomposed granite path, and new sidewalks along various segments.
- Left-turn pockets and one new bus turnout.
- Replacement of the Tulare Irrigation District (TID) Main Intake Canal bridge and

two Consolidated Peoples Ditch Company (CPDC) Extension Ditch culverts.
- Expanding the right-of-way to Tulare County's one hundred twenty-foot standard

These improvements widen Avenue 280 from 110 feet to 120 feet, requiring full, partial, and temporary right-of-way acquisitions.

Bridge Over Tulare Irrigation District Main Intake Canal

Bridge No. 46C0035 crosses the TID Main Intake Canal which is beneath Avenue 280, approximately 0.25 miles east of Road 156 and 0.75 miles west of South Farmersville Boulevard. The existing 63 foot, three (3) span, cast-in-place reinforced concrete slab bridge has an asphalt overlay and is supported by two (2) concrete pier walls and two (2) end bents on concrete piles. It provides a 36-foot clear width and carries two (2) lanes with shoulders.

The bridge will be replaced with a single span structure accommodating a 12 foot lane and a 13 foot lane in each direction, a 16 foot median, three (3) foot bike lanes, five (5) foot outside shoulders, and six (6) foot sidewalks. Type 85 barriers will separate vehicular and pedestrian zones, with pedestrian handrails installed along both deck edges. Concrete wingwalls will be constructed at each abutment, extending 15 feet perpendicular to the backwall. A six (6) inch concrete channel lining will be installed beneath the bridge and extended 10 feet upstream and downstream. A two (2) foot layer of 150-pound Class III rock slope protection (RSP) will be installed over Class 8 filter fabric extending 10 feet upstream and downstream of the lined section.

Temporary Canal Diversion for Bridge Construction

During construction, TID canal flows must be diverted through the site with a minimum capacity of 700 cubic feet per second. Diversion may be implemented using one of the following:

1. Upstream and downstream cofferdams with multiple pipes to convey flow. Cofferdams may consist of gravel wrapped in plastic, flexible intermediate bulk containers, or other materials proposed by the Contractor. The diversion system will be sized based on actual flow conditions.
2. Sheet piling to isolate abutment excavation while allowing flow between east and west cofferdams. Sheet piles cannot be driven adjacent to the existing bridge until demolition is complete.

The Contractor will submit a stream diversion plan that utilizes the following:

- Uses removable fill and protects all surfaces from erosion.
- Limits berm/cofferdam height to one foot below upstream high water.
- Complies with the Project's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).
- Provides for ongoing diversion maintenance and immediate repair of leaks or

scour, at the Contractor's expense.
- Ensures complete removal of temporary diversion features and restoration of the channel upon completion.
- Includes obtaining and complying with the TID permit.

Bridge Demolition

Demolition of the existing bridge will proceed as follows:

- Complete canal diversions as described above.
- Maintain traffic on Avenue 280 with necessary temporary lane closures.
- Clear and grub the channel in preparation for construction.
- Sawcut the bridge deck longitudinally and remove deck sections at each abutment.
- Vertically sawcut bents and remove concrete from each approach to three feet below finish grade.
- Sawcut and remove portions of the abutments and wingwalls.
- Remove approximately 260 cubic yards of concrete and debris and dispose of them in accordance with Caltrans Standard Specifications and Project documents; materials become the Contractor's property.

Bridge Construction

Bridge construction will occur in two stages. Stage one will construct the north and south portions of the new bridge while the existing bridge remains open to traffic. Stage two will shift traffic onto the stage one structure, demolish the existing bridge, and construct the center span. Construction activities will include the following,

- Installing the creek diversion;
- Demolishing the existing bridge (Stage two);
- Excavating abutment foundations;
- Driving abutment piles;
- Forming and pouring pile caps;
- Forming and pouring abutment stem walls;
- Installing deck slab units;
- Pouring abutment backwalls and shear keys;
- Constructing wingwalls (Stage one);
- Placing the five-inch reinforced concrete deck;
- Constructing Type 85 barriers and sidewalk (Stage one);
- Installing pedestrian handrails (Stage one).

Culvert Replacement on CPDC Extension Ditch under Avenue 280 and Road 156

The process for replacing the two CPDC Extension Ditch culverts under Avenue 280 and Road 156 is as follows:

The Avenue 280 culvert, located about 1,000 feet west of South Virginia Avenue, is a 96 foot reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) skewed roughly fifty five degrees to the roadway. It will be replaced with a new 48 inch RCP approximately 131 feet long on a slightly adjusted alignment to better match the Extension Ditch. The new skew will be about 60 degrees, and the grade will match the existing pipe. Drainage tubs will be installed at both ends, and about 18 feet of 60 pound Class II RSP, 22 inches thick, will be placed at the outlet over Class 8 filter fabric. Minor channel grading will occur from the temporary construction easement to the inlet.

Road 156 culvert, located about 445 feet south of Avenue 280, is a 47.7 foot RCP skewed roughly 82 degrees to the roadway. It will be replaced with a new 48 inch RCP approximately 62.2 feet long on the same alignment. As with the Avenue 280 culvert, the grade will match the existing pipe. Drainage tubs will be installed at both ends, and about 15 feet of 60 pound Class II RSP, 22 inches thick, will be placed at the outlet over Class 8 filter fabric. Minor channel grading will occur from the temporary construction easement to the inlet.

CPDC Extension Ditch Culvert Diversion

Work on the CPDC Extension Ditch will occur during the lowest flow period, which CPDC indicates is between mid-August and November. Flow requirements will be coordinated with CPDC for the culvert construction season. If needed, flows may be pumped to maintain a dry work area, and the Contractor will prepare a diversion plan. It is anticipated that low flows will be diverted through the site using a temporary pipe.

CPDC Extension Ditch Culvert Demolition

The ditch will be cleared and grubbed to prepare for construction, and temporary flow diversions will be installed if needed. Demolition will involve breaking the existing concrete pipe into manageable pieces and hauling them off site. All concrete and debris become the Contractor’s property and must be disposed of in accordance with Caltrans specifications.

Culvert Construction of CPDC Extension Ditch Culvert

Culverts will be cast in place. Construction of the Avenue 280 culvert will occur in two stages to maintain traffic, with the south half built first and the north half built second. Temporary pavement may be placed on the opposite side of Avenue 280 to maintain two-way traffic, and temporary lane closures are expected during phased construction. Work will occur, as feasible, when channel flows are minimal or absent.

Stages One and Two of CPDC Extension Ditch Culvert

Construction of the Avenue 280 culvert will occur in two stages:

- Place temporary pavement to maintain two-lane traffic;
- Install K-rail and traffic control to isolate the work zone;
- Excavate to expose part of the existing culvert and headwall;
- Install a temporary pipe adjacent to the exposed culvert;
- Remove a section of the culvert to allow placement of the temporary pipe inside the remaining structure;
- Construct diversion berms as needed to direct flows into the temporary pipe;
- Demolish the remaining culvert and headwall;
- Grade the channel between the new culvert location and the temporary construction easement;
- Construct the new culvert section and headwall;
- Redirect flows into the new culvert and remove the temporary pipe;
- Backfill around and above the new culvert with concrete to protect it from vehicle loads;
- Construct the roadway section to its new limits;
- Relocate K-rail and reset traffic control;
- Repeat these steps for Stage Two;
- Install RSP at the downstream end of the culvert.

Construction Sequence

Construction of Road 156 culvert will be completed in a single stage, with traffic detoured around the site along the six mile route.

- Set up traffic control and detour traffic;
- Excavate to expose the existing culvert and headwall;
- Install a temporary pipe adjacent to the exposed culvert;
- Construct diversion berms as needed to direct flows into the temporary pipe;
- Grade the channel between the new culvert and temporary construction easement and install RSP at the downstream end;
- Construct the new culvert and headwalls;
- Redirect flows into the new culvert and remove the temporary pipe;
- Backfill around and above the new culvert with concrete to protect it from vehicle loads;
- Build the roadway section to its new limits;
- Remove the detour.

Southern California Gas (SoCalGas) Relocation

The County of Tulare is widening Avenue 280 from two lanes to four or six lanes between State Route 99 and the City of Exeter. Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) 8-inch high-pressure Supply Line 38-563 (SL 38-563) conflicts with the planned bridge expansion over the TID Main Intake Canal (near 36.297907, -119.22061) and the CPDC Extension Ditch culvert realignment (near 36.297906, -119.219431).

SL 38-563 currently parallels Avenue 280, crossing the TID Main Intake Canal north of the existing bridge and dropping beneath the existing culvert. The bridge and culvert improvements require relocating the pipeline via horizontal directional drilling (HDD) on the north side of Avenue 280 to avoid the new bridge footing and box culvert.

SoCalGas will remove the existing pipeline through open-cut trenching when canal conditions allow. The segment at the culvert realignment will also be removed prior to installation of the new culvert, after the line has been deactivated. Work will occur between September and December when the canal is dry. SoCalGas will follow Tulare County's water-diversion plan to manage stormwater runoff and any groundwater encountered during construction.

Horizontal Directional Drilling

Because the Project scope has expanded, SoCalGas will install the new pipeline using HDD. HDD requires small entry and exit pits (about two feet by three feet) and limited excavation only to verify substructures; no excavation will occur at or near the waterways unless a substructure is identified.

The Project includes removing 171 feet of coal-tar-coated eight (8) inch main at the TID Main Intake Canal and eight (8) feet of six-inch main at the culvert via open-cut trenching for proper coating abatement. Installation will include 1,267 feet of new eight-inch steel main using HDD and open-cut trenching at tie-ins east and west of the waterways, with no impacts to either channel.

HDD minimizes ground disturbance, avoids trenching constraints near the bridge and culvert, and reduces traffic and environmental impacts. Tie-in areas will involve welding, sandblasting, and coating, conducted under Best Management Practices (BMPs) and all applicable environmental requirements. After the new line is activated, SoCalGas will remove the old pipe at the Main Intake Canal, backfill with native soil, and restore the site to near pre-construction conditions.

V. Project Location

County: Tulare

Nearest City: Visalia

Section 01, 02, 11, 12, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, MDB&M.

Avenue 280 TID Main Intake Canal Bridge

Start: Latitude: 36.297855 degrees and Longitude: -119.220704 degrees

End: Latitude: 36.297851 degrees and Longitude: -119.220486 degrees

Avenue 280 CPDC Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert

Start: Latitude: 36.297744 degrees and Longitude: -119.219589 degrees

End: Latitude: 36.297948 degrees and Longitude: -119.219418 degrees

Road 156 CPDC Extension Ditch Culvert

Start: Latitude: 36.296642 degrees and Longitude: -119.225053 degrees

End: Latitude: 36.296637 degrees and Longitude: -119.224792 degrees

SoCalGas Pipe SL 38-563 Relocation – Avenue 280 TID Main Intake Canal Bridge

Start: Latitude: 36.298003 degrees and Longitude: -119.220660 degrees

End: Latitude: 36.298007 degrees and Longitude: -119.220536 degrees

SoCalGas Pipe SL 38-563 Relocation – Avenue 280 CPDC Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert

Start: Latitude: 36.297975 degrees and Longitude: -119.219455 degrees

End: Latitude: 36.297976 degrees and Longitude: -119.2193736 degrees

Maps showing the Project locations are found in Attachment A of this Order.

VI. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plan). The plan for the region and other plans and policies may be accessed at the State Water Resources Control Board's Plans and Policies Web page (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/). The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This Order promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

Project impact and receiving waters information can be found in Attachment B. Table 1 of Attachment B shows the receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the state impacted by the Project. Individual impact location and quantity is shown in Table 2 of Attachment B.

VII. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

The Project's direct impacts involve upgrading deteriorated channel sections in the Tulare Irrigation District Main Intake Canal and the Consolidated Peoples Ditch Company's Extension Ditch by replacing debris, broken concrete, and unstable soil with engineered structures such as concrete linings, headwalls, footings, and rock slope protection. Where channels are already filled with impervious debris, these activities function as structural improvements with no lasting change in surface

condition, while areas currently composed of dirt will experience small, permanent conversions to engineered materials. Temporary disturbances will occur during excavation for culvert installation and removal of existing pipeline segments, but these areas will be restored afterward to pre-project conditions.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Tables 1 and 2. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition.

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

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	0.136	181.51	155.67

Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	0.0081	47.3	45.73

VIII. Description of Indirect Impacts to Waters of the State

The Central Valley Water Board recognizes the potential for indirect impacts to waters of the state associated with the Project.

IX. Avoidance and Minimization

To minimize potential construction-related impacts on water quality and aquatic resources, the Permittee shall implement all measures required under the Order. To further limit effects on nearby riparian woodlands and sensitive biological resources, the Project will implement worker awareness training, establish no-disturbance buffers using temporary construction fencing, and conduct pre-construction surveys to document existing vegetative cover and protect trees and other significant vegetation.

X. Compensatory Mitigation

No compensatory mitigation was required for permanent impacts because the impacts to aquatic resources are expected to be de minimis and not adversely affect applicable beneficial uses of the TID Main Intake Canal and the CPDC Extension Ditch.

[1] Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include area of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

XI. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

On 22 May 2012, Tulare County, as lead agency, certified an environmental impact report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2008081126) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 4 June 2012. Pursuant to CEQA, the Central Valley Water Board has made Findings of Facts (Findings) which support the issuance of this Order and are included in Attachment C.

XII. Petitions for Reconsideration

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Board to reconsider this Order in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867. A petition for reconsideration must be submitted in writing and received within 30 calendar days of the issuance of this Order.

XIII. Fees Received

A. An application fee of $4,212.00 was received on 2 March 2026. 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.

A fee of $687.00 based on total Project impacts was received on 7 May 2026 and an additional project fee of $357.00 was received on 30 September 2026.

B. **Annual Fees:** This Certification/Order/WDR 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). Annual invoices for fill and excavation projects are issued for projects active for any amount of time in the current fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Annual invoices for dredging projects are based on the quantity of dredged material in the previous fiscal year. Invoices are usually sent out at the end of each calendar year.

To stop annual billing, the Permittee 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 Certification/Order/WDR 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 Web page (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/), under Water Quality Certification (WQC) Program Fees.

XIV. Conditions

The Central Valley Water Board has independently reviewed the record of the Project to analyze impacts to water quality and designated beneficial uses within the watershed of the Project. In accordance with this Order, the Permittee may proceed with the Project under the following terms and conditions:

A. Authorization

Impacts to waters of the state shall not exceed quantities shown in Tables 1 and 2.

B. Reporting and Notification Requirements

The following section details the reporting and notification types and timing of submittals. Requirements for the content of these reporting and notification types are detailed in Attachment D, including specifications for photo and map documentation during the Project. Written reports and notifications must be submitted using the Reporting and Notification Cover Sheet located in Attachment D, which must be signed by the Permittee or an authorized representative.

The Permittee must submit all notifications, submissions, materials, data, correspondence, and reports in a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF). Documents less than 50 MB must be emailed to: centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov.

In the subject line of the email, include the Central Valley Water Board Contact, Project Name, and WDID No. Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a disk and mailed to the Central Valley Water Board Contact.

1. Project Reporting

a. **Monthly Reporting** – Not Applicable

b. **Annual Reporting:** The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year on the 1st day of the month, one year after the effective date of the Order. Annual reporting shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee.

2. Project Status Notifications

a. **Commencement of Construction:** The Permittee shall submit a Commencement of Construction Report at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities and corresponding Waste Discharge Identification Number (WDID No.) issued under the NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2022-0057-DWQ; NPDES No. CAS000002).

b. **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter following completion of active Project construction activities, including any required restoration and permittee-responsible mitigation. This request shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities. Upon acceptance of the request, Central Valley Water Board staff shall issue a

Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee which will end the active discharge period.

c. **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter when construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, and no further Project activities will occur. Completion of post-construction monitoring shall be determined by Central Valley Water Board staff and shall be contingent on successful attainment of restoration and mitigation performance criteria. This request shall be submitted to Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities. Upon approval of the request, the Central Valley Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee which will end the post discharge monitoring period.

3. Conditional Notifications and Reports:

The following notifications and reports are required as appropriate.

a. Accidental Discharges of Hazardous Materials[2]

Following an accidental discharge of a reportable quantity of a hazardous material, sewage, or an unknown material, the following applies (Water Code, Section 13271):

i. As soon as (A) Permittee has knowledge of the discharge or noncompliance, (B) notification is possible, and (C) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures then:

- first call – 911 (to notify local response agency)
- then call – Office of Emergency Services (OES) State Warning Center at:(800) 852-7550 or (916) 845-8911
- Lastly, follow the required OES, procedures as set forth in the Office of Emergency Services' Accidental Discharge Notification Web page (http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-

[2] "Hazardous material" means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. "Hazardous materials" include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, and any material that a handler or the administering agency has a reasonable basis for believing that it would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. (Health & Safety Code, Section 25501.)

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ii. Following notification to OES, the Permittee shall notify Central Valley Water Board, as soon as practicable (ideally within 24 hours). Notification may be delivered via written notice, email, or other verifiable means.

iii. Within five (5) working days of notification to the Central Valley Water Board, the Permittee must submit an Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report.

b. Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards:

The Permittee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board of any event causing a violation of compliance with water quality standards. Notification may be delivered via written notice, email, or other verifiable means.

i. This notification must be followed within three (3) working days by submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report.

c. In-Water Work and Diversions:

i. The Permittee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in water or stream diversions. Notification may be delivered via written notice, email, or other verifiable means.

ii. Within three (3) working days following completion of work in water or stream diversions, an In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report must be submitted to Central Valley Water Board staff.

d. Modifications to Project:

Project modifications may require an amendment of this Order. The Permittee shall give advance notice to Central Valley Water Board staff if Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority by submitting a Modifications to Project Report. The Permittee shall inform Central Valley Water Board staff of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with this Order. Notification may be made in accordance with conditions in the certification deviation section of this Order.

e. Transfer of Property Ownership:

This Order is not transferable in its entirety or in part to any person or organization except after notice to the Central Valley Water Board in accordance with the following terms:

i. The Permittee must notify the Central Valley Water Board of any

change in ownership or interest in ownership of the Project area by submitting a Transfer of Property Ownership Report. The Permittee and purchaser must sign and date the notification and provide such notification to the Central Valley Water Board at least 10 days prior to the transfer of ownership. The purchaser must also submit a written request to the Central Valley Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order.

ii. Until such time as this Order has been modified to name the purchaser as the permittee, the Permittee shall continue to be responsible for all requirements set forth in this Order.

f. Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance:

If maintenance responsibility for post-construction BMPs is legally transferred, the Permittee must submit to the Central Valley Water Board a copy of such documentation and must provide the transferee with a copy of a long-term BMP maintenance plan that complies with manufacturer or designer specifications. The Permittee must provide such notification to the Central Valley Water Board with a Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report at least 10 days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.

C. Water Quality Monitoring

1. General:

If surface water is present, continuous visual surface water monitoring shall be conducted during active construction periods to detect accidental discharge of construction related pollutants (e.g., oil and grease, turbidity plume, or uncured concrete). Sampling is not required in a wetland where the entire wetland is being permanently filled, provided there is no outflow connecting the wetland to surface waters. The Permittee shall perform surface water sampling:

a. when performing any in-water work;

b. during the entire duration of temporary surface water diversions;

c. in the event that the Project activities result in any materials reaching surface waters; or

d. when any activities result in the creation of a visible plume in surface waters.

2. Accidental Discharges/Noncompliance:

Upon occurrence of an accidental discharge of hazardous materials or a violation of compliance with a water quality standard, Central Valley Water Board staff may require water quality monitoring based on the discharge constituents and/or related water quality objectives and beneficial uses.

3. In-Water Work or Diversions:

During planned in-water work, dewatering activities, or during the installation or removal of temporary water diversions, any discharge(s) to waters of the state shall conform to the following water quality objectives:

a. Waters shall not contain oils, greases, waxes, or other materials in concentrations that cause nuisance, result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the water or on objects in the water, or otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.

b. The pH of water shall not be depressed below 6.5, raised above 8.3, or changed at any time more than 0.3 units from normal ambient pH.

c. Activities shall not cause turbidity increases in surface water to exceed:

i. where natural turbidity is between 0 and 5 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs), increases shall not exceed 1 NTU;

ii. where natural turbidity is between 5 and 50 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 20 percent;

iii. where natural turbidity is equal to or between 50 and 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 NTUs;

iv. where natural turbidity is greater than 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 percent.

In determining compliance with the above limits, appropriate averaging periods may be applied provided that beneficial uses will be fully protected. Averaging periods may only be used with prior permission of the Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer.

d. Elevated temperature wastes shall not cause the temperature of waters designated COLD or WARM to increase by more than five (5) degrees Fahrenheit above natural receiving water temperature.

Sampling during in-water work or during the entire duration of temporary water diversions shall be conducted in accordance with Table 3 sampling parameters.[3] The sampling requirements in Table 3 shall be conducted

[3] Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136; where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, the method shall be approved by Central Valley Water Board staff. Grab samples shall be taken between the surface and mid-depth and not be collected at the same time each day to get a complete representation of variations in the receiving water. A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the

upstream out of the influence of the Project, and approximately 300 feet downstream of the work area.

The sampling frequency and/or monitoring locations may be modified for certain projects with written approval from Central Valley Water Board staff. An In-Water Work and Diversion Water Quality Monitoring Report, as described in Attachment D, shall be submitted within two weeks of initiation of in-water construction, and every two weeks thereafter. In reporting the data, the Permittee shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the sampling locations, date, constituents, and concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to illustrate clearly whether the Project complies with Order requirements. The report shall include surface water sampling results, visual observations, and identification of the turbidity increase in the receiving water applicable to the natural turbidity conditions specified in the turbidity criteria in XIV.C.3.

If no sampling is required, the Permittee shall submit a written statement stating, “No sampling was required” within two weeks of initiation of in-water construction, and every two weeks thereafter.

Table 3: Sample Type and Frequency Requirements

Parameter	Unit of Measurement	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
pH	Standard Units	Grab	Every 4 hours
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Every 4 hours
Temperature	Degrees F (or as degrees C)	Grab	Every 4 hours
Visible construction related pollutants[4]	Observations	Visual Inspections	Continuous throughout the construction period

4. Post-Construction:

Visually inspect the Project site during the rainy season for one year following completion of active Project construction activities to ensure excessive erosion, stream instability, or other water quality pollution is not occurring in or downstream of the Project site. If water quality pollution is occurring, contact the Central Valley Water Board staff member overseeing the Project within three (3) working days. The Central Valley Water Board

manufacturer’s instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring shall be maintained onsite.

[4] Visible construction-related pollutants include oil, grease, foam, fuel, petroleum products, and construction-related, excavated, organic or earthen materials.

may require the submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report. Additional permits may be required to carry out any necessary site remediation.

D. Standard

1. This Order is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Water Code section 13330, and California Code of Regulations, title 23, Chapter 28, article 6 commencing with sections 3867-3869, inclusive. Additionally, the Central Valley Water Board reserves the right to suspend, cancel, or modify and reissue this Order, after providing notice to the Permittee, if the Central Valley Water Board determines that: the Project fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order; or, when necessary to implement any new or revised water quality standards and implementation plans adopted or approved pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code, section 13000 et seq.) or federal Clean Water Act section 303 (33 U.S.C. section 1313). For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), the condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with water quality standards and appropriate requirements of state law.

2. This Order is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license, unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to subsection 3855(b) of chapter 28, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, and that application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.

3. This Order is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under title 23 of the California Code of Regulations and owed by the Permittee.

4. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Order, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process, or sanctions as provided for under state and federal law. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, processes, or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Order.

E. General Compliance

1. Failure to comply with any condition of this Order shall constitute a violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the Clean Water Act. The Permittee and/or discharger may then be subject to administrative and/or civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13385.

2. Permitted actions must not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standards, including impairment of designated beneficial uses for receiving waters as adopted in the Basin Plans by any applicable Regional Water Board or any applicable State Water Board (collectively Water Boards) water quality control plan or policy. The source of any such discharge must be eliminated as soon as practicable.

3. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Order, the Central Valley Water Board may require the holder of this Order to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Water Boards deem appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. The additional monitoring requirements ensure that permitted discharges and activities comport with any applicable effluent limitations, water quality standards, and/or other appropriate requirement of state law.

4. The Permittee must, at all times, fully comply with engineering plans, specifications, and technical reports submitted to support this Order; and all subsequent submittals required as part of this Order. The conditions within this Order and Attachments supersede conflicting provisions within Permittee submittals.

5. This Order and all of its conditions contained herein continue to have full force and effect regardless of the expiration or revocation of any federal license or permit issued for the Project. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), this condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements of state law.

6. **Construction General Permit Requirement:** The Permittee shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2022-0057-DWQ; NPDES No. CAS000002), as amended, for discharges to surface waters comprised of stormwater associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavation, 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.

F. Administrative

1. Signatory requirements for all document submittals required by this Order are presented in Attachment E of this Order.

2. This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered or candidate species or any act, which is now

prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & Wildlife Code, sections 2050-2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. sections 1531-1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this Order held by the Permittee, the Permittee must comply with the California Endangered Species Act and federal Endangered Species Act prior to any construction or operation of the portion of the Project that may result in a take. The Permittee is responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable endangered species act for the Project authorized under this Order.

3. The Permittee shall grant Central Valley Water Board staff, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a Water Board representative), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, permission to:

   a. Enter upon the Project or compensatory mitigation site(s) premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept.

   b. Have access to and copy any records that are kept and are relevant to the Project or the requirements of this Order.

   c. Inspect any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order.

   d. Sample or monitor for the purposes of assuring Order compliance.

4. A copy of this Order shall be provided to any consultants, contractors, and subcontractors working on the Project. Copies of this Order shall remain at the Project site for the duration of this Order. The Permittee shall be responsible for work conducted by its consultants, contractors, and any subcontractors.

5. A copy of this Order must be available at the Project site(s) during construction for review by site personnel and agencies. All personnel performing work on the Project shall be familiar with the content of this Order and its posted location at the Project site.

6. **Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement:** The Permittee shall submit a signed copy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement to the Central Valley Water Board immediately upon execution and prior to any discharge to waters of the state.

G. Construction

1. Dewatering

a. The Permittee shall develop and maintain on-site a Surface Water Diversion and/or Dewatering Plan(s). The Plan(s) must be developed prior

to initiation of any water diversions. The Plan(s) shall include the proposed method and duration of diversion activities and include water quality monitoring conducted, as described in section XIV.C.3, during the entire duration of dewatering and diversion activities. The Plan(s) must be consistent with this Order and must be made available to the Central Valley Water Board staff upon request.

b. For any temporary dam or other artificial obstruction being constructed, maintained, or placed in operation, sufficient water shall at all times be allowed to pass downstream, to maintain beneficial uses of waters of the state below the dam. Construction, dewatering, and removal of temporary cofferdams shall not violate section XIV.C.3.

c. The temporary dam or other artificial obstruction shall only be built from clean materials such as sandbags, gravel bags, water dams, or clean/washed gravel which will cause little or no siltation. Stream flow shall be temporarily diverted using gravity flow through temporary culverts/pipes or pumped around the work site with the use of hoses.

d. Dewatering shall occur within the Project area.

e. This Order does not allow permanent water diversion of flow from the receiving water. This Order is invalid if any water is permanently diverted as a part of the Project.

f. The Permittee shall work with the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under an NPDES permit for dewatering activities that result in discharges into surface water. The Permittee shall work with the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for dewatering activities that result in discharges to land.

2. Directional Drilling

a. If installation or relocation of dry and/or wet utility lines is anticipated, the Permittee shall develop and implement a Dry and Wet Utility Work Plan prior to commencement of dry and wet utility construction. The Dry and Wet Utility Plan must cover all phases of the certified project that will impact waters of the United States and waters of the state and shall be consistent with this Certification.

The Dry and Wet Utility Plan shall include the types of dry and wet utilities to be removed and installed, method and duration of activities, structure configuration, construction materials, equipment, erosion and sediment controls, and a map or drawing indicating the location(s) of dry and wet utility work, as related to any water of the United States and waters of the state in the Project area.

Should the methodology for dry and wet utility work include directional drilling, the Dry and Wet Utility Plan shall incorporate a Directional Drilling

Plan to address potential frac-outs. The Directional Drilling Plan shall include, but not be limited to, a description of directional drilling activities, dry and wet utility routes, crossing locations and methods, and other geotechnical considerations (i.e., surficial overburden deposits, clays and shales, bedrock formations, hydrogeology), and a reporting procedure should any level of discharge from a frac-out occur, regardless of the discharge size.

The Directional Drilling Plan must be stamped by a California Registered Geologist or Engineer.

The Utility Work Plan and Direction Drilling Plan must be submitted to Central Valley Water Board staff upon request.

3. **Dredging – Not Applicable**

4. **Fugitive Dust:**

Dust abatement activities can cause discharges of sediment to streams and uplands through application of water or other fluids. Dust abatement chemicals added to water can be hazardous to wildlife and, if allowed to enter streams, detrimental to water quality. Therefore, dust abatement activities shall be conducted so that sediment or dust abatement chemicals are not discharged into waters of the state. Dust abatement products or additives that are known to be detrimental to water quality or wildlife shall not be used, unless specific management needs are documented, and product-specific application plans are approved by Central Valley Water Board staff.

5. **Good Site Management "Housekeeping"**

a. The Permittee shall develop and maintain onsite a project-specific Spill Prevention, Containment and Cleanup Plan outlining the practices to prevent, minimize, and/or clean up potential spills during construction of the Project. The Plan must detail the Project elements, construction equipment types and location, access and staging and construction sequence. The Plan must be made available to the Central Valley Water Board staff upon request.

b. Refueling of equipment within the floodplain or within 300 feet of the waterway is prohibited. If critical equipment must be refueled within 300 feet of the waterway, spill prevention and countermeasures must be implemented to avoid spills. Refueling areas shall be provided with secondary containment including drip pans and/or placement of absorbent material. No hazardous materials, pesticides, fuels, lubricants, oils, hydraulic fluids, or other construction-related potentially hazardous substances should be stored within a floodplain or within 300 feet of a waterway. The Permittee must perform frequent inspections of construction equipment prior to utilizing it near surface waters to ensure

leaks from the equipment are not occurring and are not a threat to water quality.

c. All waste materials resulting from the Project shall be removed from the site and disposed of properly.

6. Hazardous Materials

a. The discharge of petroleum products, any construction materials, hazardous materials, pesticides, fuels, lubricants, oils, hydraulic fluids, raw cement, concrete or the washing thereof, asphalt, paint, coating material, drilling fluids, or other substances potentially hazardous to fish and wildlife resulting from or disturbed by project-related activities is prohibited and shall be prevented from contaminating the soil and/or entering waters of the state. In the event of a prohibited discharge, the Permittee shall comply with notification requirements in sections XIV.B.3.a and XIV.B.3.b.

b. Wet concrete shall be placed into stream channel habitat after the area has been completely dewatered.

c. Concrete must be completely cured before coming into contact with waters of the United States and waters of the state. Surface water that contacts wet concrete must be pumped out and disposed of at an appropriate off-site commercial facility, which is authorized to accept concrete wastes.

7. Invasive Species and Soil Borne Pathogens

Prior to arrival at the Project site and prior to leaving the Project site, construction equipment that may contain invasive plants and/or seeds shall be cleaned to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.

8. Post-Construction Stormwater Management

a. The Permittee must minimize the short and long-term impacts on receiving water quality from the Project by implementing the following post-construction stormwater management practices and as required by local agency permitting the Project, as appropriate:

i. Minimize the amount of impervious surface;

ii. Reduce peak runoff flows;

iii. Provide treatment BMPs to reduce pollutants in runoff;

iv. Ensure existing waters of the state (e.g., wetlands, vernal pools, or creeks) are not used as pollutant source controls and/or treatment controls;

v. Preserve and where possible, create or restore areas that provide important water quality benefits, such as riparian corridors, wetlands, and buffer zones;

vi. Limit disturbances of natural water bodies and natural drainage systems caused by development (including development of roads, highways, and bridges);

vii. Use existing drainage master plans or studies to ensure incorporation of structural and non-structural BMPs to mitigate the projected pollutant load increases in surface water runoff;

viii. Identify and avoid development in areas that are particularly susceptible to erosion and sediment loss, or establish development guidance that protects areas from erosion/ sediment loss; and

ix. Control post-development peak stormwater run-off discharge rates and velocities to prevent or reduce downstream erosion, and to protect stream habitat.

9. Roads

a. The number of access routes, number and size of staging areas, and the total area of the activity must be limited to the minimum necessary to achieve the Project goal. Routes and work area boundaries must be clearly demarcated.

b. Bridges, culverts, dip crossings, or other structures must be installed so that water and in-stream sediment flow is not impeded. Appropriate design criteria, practices and materials must be used in areas where access roads intersect waters of the state.

c. Temporary materials placed in any water of the state must be removed as soon as construction is completed at that location, and all temporary roads must be removed or re-contoured and restored according to approved re-vegetation and restoration plans.

d. Any structure, including but not limited to, culverts, pipes, piers, and coffer dams, placed within a stream where fish (as defined in California Fish and Game Code section 45) exist or may exist, must be designed, constructed, and maintained such that it does not constitute a barrier to upstream or downstream movement of aquatic life, or cause an avoidance reaction by fish due to impedance of their upstream or downstream movement. This includes, but is not limited to, maintaining the supply of water and maintaining flows at an appropriate depth, temperature, and velocity to facilitate upstream and downstream fish migration. If any structure results in a long-term reduction in fish movement, the discharger shall be responsible for restoration of conditions as necessary (as determined by the Water Board) to secure passage of fish across the structure.

e. A method of containment must be used below any temporary bridge, trestle, boardwalk, and/or other stream crossing structure to prevent any debris or spills from falling into the waters of the state. Containment must

be maintained and kept clean for the life of the temporary stream crossing structure.

10. Sediment Control

a. Except for activities permitted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, soil, silt, or other organic materials shall not be placed where such materials could pass into surface water or surface water drainage courses.

b. Silt fencing, straw wattles, or other effective management practices must be used along the construction zone to minimize soil or sediment along the embankments from migrating into the waters of the state through the entire duration of the Project.

c. The use of netting material (e.g., monofilament-based erosion blankets) that could trap aquatic dependent wildlife is prohibited within the Project area.

11. Special Status Species

- Swainson's Hawk (Buteo swainsoni)
- Burrowing Owl (Athene cunicularia)
- Nesting Migratory Birds (including Cliff Swallows)

12. Stabilization/Erosion Control

a. All areas disturbed by Project activities shall be protected from washout and erosion.

b. Hydroseeding shall be performed with California native seed mix.

13. Stormwater

a. During the construction phase, the Permittee must employ strategies to minimize erosion and the introduction of pollutants into stormwater runoff. These strategies must include an effective combination of erosion and sediment control BMPs and ensure they are implemented and adequately working prior to the rainy season and during all phases of construction.

H. Site Specific – Not Applicable

I. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) – Not Applicable

J. Mitigation for Temporary Impacts

1. The Permittee shall restore all areas of temporary impacts, including Project site upland areas, which could result in a discharge to waters of the state to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities.

2. The Central Valley Water Board may extend the monitoring period beyond requirements of the restoration plan upon a determination by Executive Officer that the performance standards have not been met or are not likely to be met within the monitoring period.

3. If restoration of temporary impacts to waters of the state is not completed within 90 days of the impacts, compensatory mitigation may be required to offset temporal loss of waters of the state.

4. Total required Project compensatory mitigation information for temporary impacts is summarized in Table 4. [Establishment (Est.), Re-establishment (Re-est.), Rehabilitation (Reh.), Enhancement (Enh.), Preservation (Pres.), Unknown].

Table 4: Required Project Mitigation Quantity for Temporary Impacts by Method

Aquatic Resource Type	Mitigation Type	Units	Est.	Re-est.	Reh.	Enh.	Pres.	Unknown
Stream Channel	Permittee Responsible	Acres			0.136			

K. Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts – Not Applicable

L. Ecological Restoration and Enhancement – Not Applicable

M. Certification Deviation

1. Minor modifications of Project locations or predicted impacts may be necessary as a result of unforeseen field conditions, necessary engineering re-design, construction concerns, or similar reasons. Some of these prospective Project modifications may have impacts on water quality. Some modifications of Project locations or predicted impacts may qualify as Certification Deviations as set forth in Attachment F. For purposes of this Certification, a “Certification Deviation” is a Project locational or impact modification that does not require an immediate amendment of the Order, because the Central Valley Water Board has determined that any potential water quality impacts that may result from the change are sufficiently addressed by the Order conditions and the CEQA Findings. After the termination of construction, this Order will be formally amended to reflect all authorized Certification Deviations and any resulting adjustments to the amount of water resource impacts and required compensatory mitigation amounts.

2. A Project modification shall not be granted a Certification Deviation if it warrants or necessitates changes that are not addressed by the Order conditions or the CEQA environmental document such that the Project impacts are not addressed in the Project's environmental document or the conditions of this Order. In this case a supplemental environmental review and different Order will be required.

XV. Water Quality Certification

I hereby issue the Order for the Avenue 280 Tulare County Segment 2 Project, WDID No. 5C54CR00168, certifying that as long as all of the conditions listed in this Order are met, any discharge from the referenced Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Clean Water Act sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards).

The Central Valley Water Board filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 13 December 2024 for Tulare County's overall road-widening effort along Avenue 280, with the proposed Project representing a continuation of that broader effort. This discharge is also regulated pursuant to State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ which authorizes this Order to serve as Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code, section 13000 et seq.).

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Order actions are contingent on: (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the conditions of this Order and the attachments to this Order; and, (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of Statewide Water Quality Control Plans and Policies, and the Regional Water Boards' Water Quality Control Plans and Policies.

Original Digitally Signed by Alexander Mushegan *2 October 2026*
For Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer Date
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Attachment A: Project Maps
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Attachment A – Project Maps

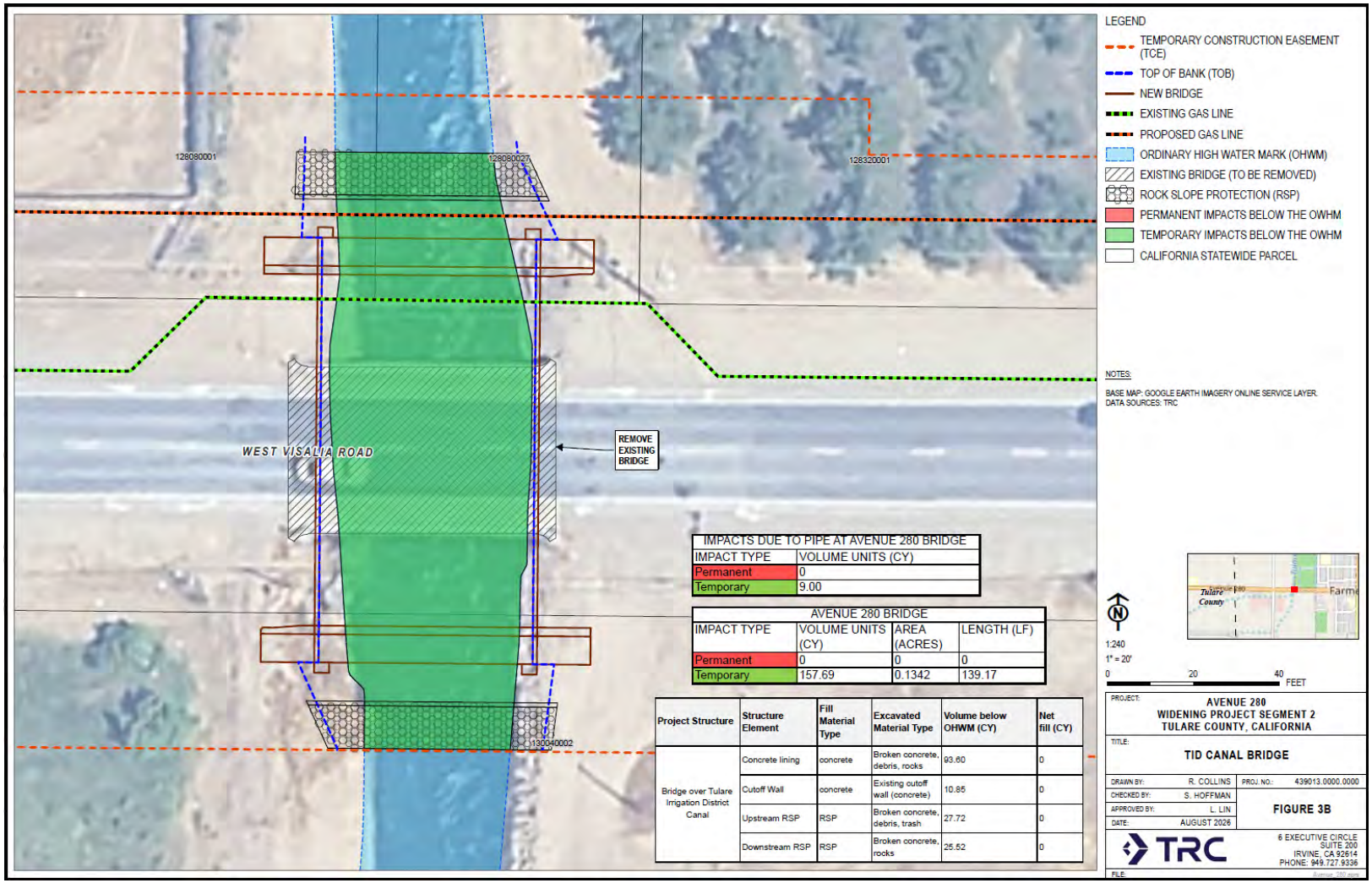


Figure 1: Quantified impacts of TID Main Intake Canal Bridge Replacement and SCG Gas Line Relocation

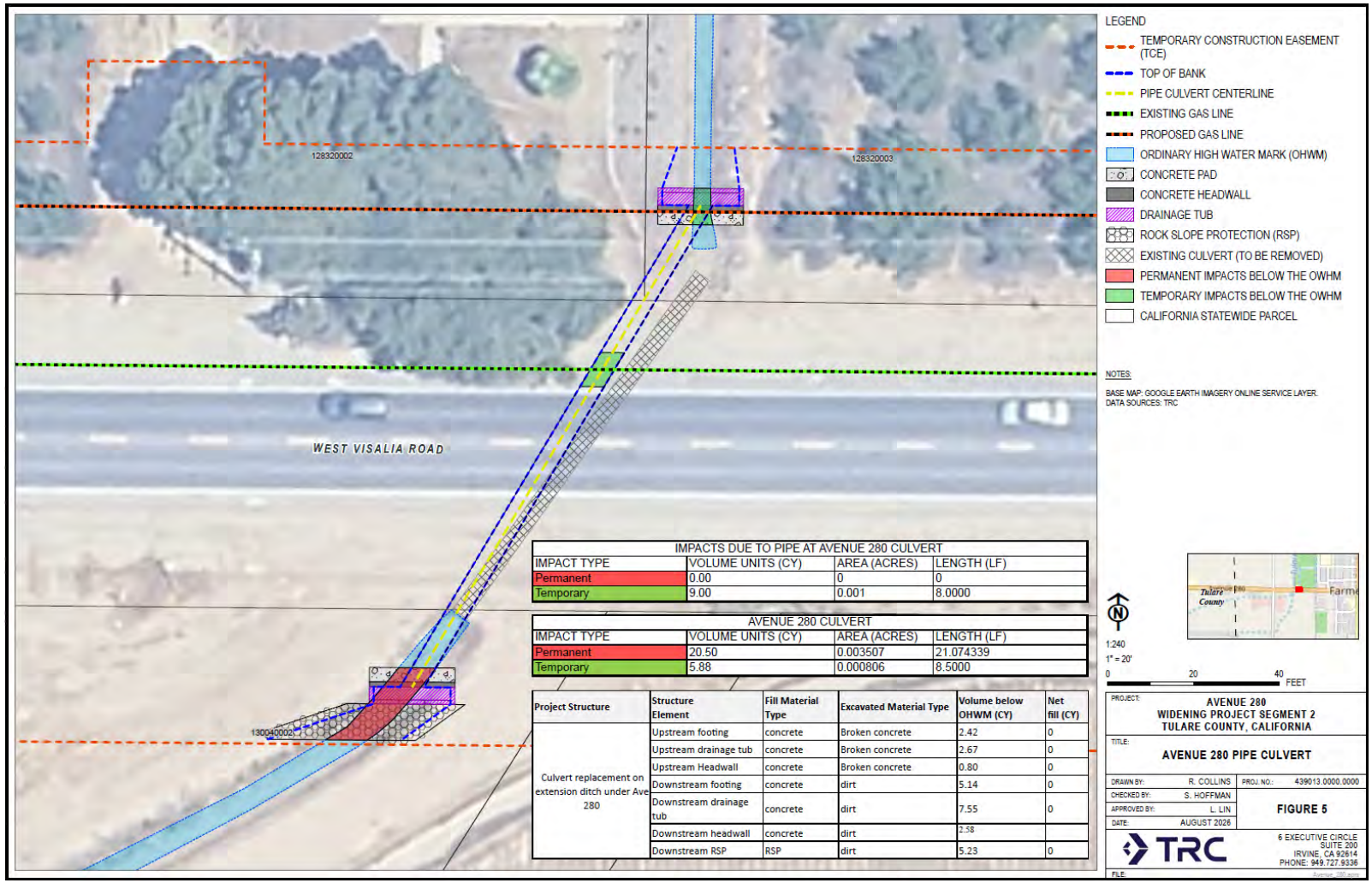
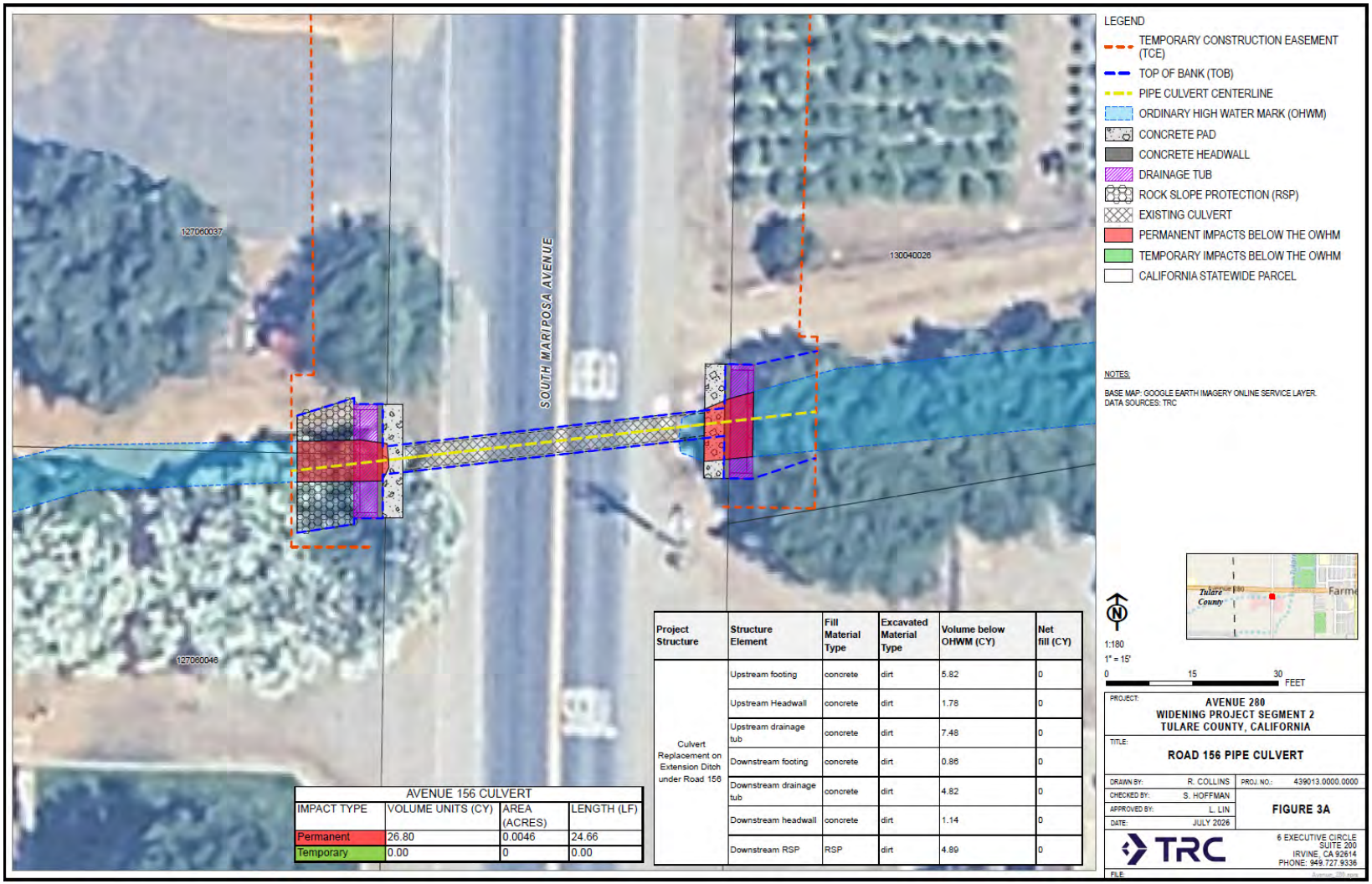


Figure 2: Quantified Impacts of Avenue 280 Extension Ditch Culvert Replacement and SCG Gas Line Relocation



AVENUE 156 CULVERT

IMPACT TYPE	VOLUME UNITS (CY)	AREA (ACRES)	LENGTH (LF)
Permanent	26.80	0.0046	24.66
Temporary	0.00	0	0.00

Project Structure	Structure Element	Fill Material Type	Excavated Material Type	Volume below OHWM (CY)	Net fill (CY)
Culvert Replacement on Extension Ditch under Road 156	Upstream footing	concrete	dirt	5.82	0
	Upstream Headwall	concrete	dirt	1.78	0
	Upstream drainage tub	concrete	dirt	7.48	0
	Downstream footing	concrete	dirt	0.86	0
	Downstream drainage tub	concrete	dirt	4.82	0
	Downstream headwall	concrete	dirt	1.14	0
	Downstream RSP	RSP	dirt	4.89	0

Figure 3: Quantified Impacts of Road 156 Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert Replacement

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Attachment B – Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

Table 1: Receiving Water(s) Information

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resources Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Avenue 280 Main Intake Canal Bridge	Tulare Irrigation District Main Intake Canal	Stream Channel	558.10	Valley Floor Water	AGR, IND, PRO, REC-1, REC2, WARM, WILD, RARE, GWR	N/A	N/A
Avenue 280 Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert	Extension Ditch	Stream Channel	558.10	Valley Floor Water	AGR, IND, PRO, REC-1, REC2, WARM, WILD, RARE, GWR	N/A	N/A
Road 156 Extension Ditch Culvert	Extension Ditch	Stream Channel	558.10	Valley Floor Water	AGR, IND, PRO, REC-1, REC2, WARM, WILD, RARE, GWR	N/A	N/A
SCG Pipe relocation - Avenue 280 Main Intake Canal Bridge	Tulare Irrigation District Main Intake Canal	Stream Channel	558.10	Valley Floor Water	AGR, IND, PRO, REC-1, REC2, WARM, WILD, RARE, GWR	N/A	N/A
SCG Pipe relocation - Avenue 280 Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert	Extension Ditch	Stream Channel	558.10	Valley Floor Water	AGR, IND, PRO, REC-1, REC2, WARM, WILD, RARE, GWR	N/A	N/A

Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following tables show individual impacts.

Table 2: Individual Temporary Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation ?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Avenue 280 Main Intake Canal Bridge	36.297855	-119.220704	No	0.1342	157.69	139.17
Avenue 280 Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert	36.297744	-119.219589	No	0.0008	37.5	6
Road 156 Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert	36.296642	-119.225053	No	- - -	- - -	- - -
SCG Pipe relocation - Avenue 280 Main Intake Canal Bridge	36.297907	-119.220611	No	- - -	9	- - -
SCG Pipe relocation - Avenue 280 Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert	36.297906	-119.219431	No	0.001	9	8

Table 3: Individual Permanent Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation ?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Avenue 280 Main Intake Canal Bridge	36.297855	-119.220704	No	- - -	- - -	- - -
Avenue 280 Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert	36.297744	-119.219589	No	0.0035	20.50	21.0743
Road 156 Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert	36.296642	-119.225053	No	0.0042	45.53	23
SCG Pipe relocation - Avenue 280 Main Intake Canal Bridge	36.297907	-119.220611	No	- - -	- - -	- - -

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation ?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
SCG Pipe relocation - Avenue 280 Extension Ditch Pipe Culvert	36.297906	-119.219431	No	- - -	- - -	- - -

Compensatory Mitigation Information

No compensatory mitigation was required for permanent impacts because the impacts to aquatic resources are expected to be de minimis and not adversely affect applicable beneficial uses of the TID Main Intake Canal and the CPDC Extension Ditch.

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Attachment C – CEQA Findings of Fact

A. Environmental Review

On 22 May 2012, Tulare County, as lead agency, certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2008081126) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 4 June 2012. The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that Tulare County's certified environmental document comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Public Resources Code, section 21167.3.) The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and finds that the environmental document prepared by Tulare County addresses the Project's water resource impacts. (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subd. (f).) The environmental document includes the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) developed by Tulare County for all mitigation measures that have been adopted for the Project to reduce potential significant impacts. (Public Resources Code, section 21081.6, subd. (a)(1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15091, subd. (d).)

B. Incorporation by Reference

Pursuant to CEQA, these Findings of Facts (Findings) support the issuance of this Order based on the Project FEIR, the application for this Order, and other supplemental documentation.

All CEQA Project impacts, including those discussed in subsection C below, are analyzed in detail in the Project FEIR which is incorporated herein by reference. The Project FEIR is available at: 5961 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, CA 93277.

The Permittee's application for this Order, including all supplemental information provided, is incorporated herein by reference.

C. Findings

The FEIR states that there are no potentially significant environmental effects to water resources after the mitigation measures imposed by the lead agency.

D. Determination

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project, when implemented in accordance with the MMRP and the conditions in this Order, will not result in any significant adverse water quality or supply impacts. (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subd. (h).) The Central Valley Water Board filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 13 December 2024 for Tulare County's overall road-widening effort along Avenue 280, with the proposed Project representing a continuation of that broader effort. .(California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subd. (i).)

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Attachment D – Reports and Notification Requirements

I. Copies of this form

In order to identify your project, it is necessary to include a copy of the Project specific Cover Sheet below with your report; please retain for your records. If you need to obtain a copy of the Cover Sheet, you may download a copy of this Order as follows:

A. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wqcerts/)

B. Find your Order based on the County, Permittee, WDID No., and/or Project Name.

II. Report Submittal Instructions

A. Check the box on the Report and Notification Cover Sheet next to the report or notification you are submitting. **(See your Order for specific reports required for your Project)**

- **Part A (Annual Reports):** These reports will be submitted annually until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued.
- **Part B (Project Status Notifications):** Used to notify the Central Valley Water Board of the status of the Project schedule that may affect Project billing.
- **Part C (Conditional Notifications and Reports):** Required on a case by case basis for accidental discharges of hazardous materials, violation of compliance with water quality standards, notification of in-water work, or other reports.

B. Sign the Report and Notification Cover Sheet and attach all information requested for the Report Type.

C. Electronic Report Submittal Instructions:

- Submit signed Report and Notification Cover Sheet and required information via email to: centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov and cc: Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov.
- Include in the subject line of the email:
  ATTN: Ernesto P. Garcia; Project Name; and WDID No. 5C54CR00168

III. Definition of Reporting Terms

A. Active Discharge Period:

The active discharge period begins with the effective date of this Order and ends on the date that the Permittee receives a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or, if no post-construction monitoring is required, a Notice of Project Complete Letter. The Active Discharge Period includes all elements of the Project including site construction and restoration, and any Permittee responsible compensatory mitigation construction.

B. Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:

This request by the Permittee to the Central Valley Water Board staff pertains to projects that have post construction monitoring requirements, e.g. if site restoration was required to be monitored for 5 years following construction. Central Valley Water Board staff will review the request and send a Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee upon approval. This letter will initiate the post-discharge monitoring period.

C. Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:

This request by the Permittee to the Central Valley Water Board staff pertains to projects that either have completed post-construction monitoring and achieved performance standards or have no post-construction monitoring requirements, and no further Project activities are planned. Central Valley Water Board staff will review the request and send a Project Complete Letter to the Permittee upon approval. Termination of annual invoicing of fees will correspond with the date of this letter.

D. Post-Discharge Monitoring Period:

The post-discharge monitoring period begins on the date of the Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter and ends on the date of the Notice of Project Complete Letter issued by the Central Valley Water Board staff. The Post-Discharge Monitoring Period includes continued water quality monitoring or compensatory mitigation monitoring.

E. Effective Date:

2 October 2026

IV. Map/Photo Documentation Information

When submitting maps or photos, please use the following formats.

A. Map Format Information:

Preferred map formats of at least 1:24000 (1” = 2000’) detail (listed in order of preference):

- **GIS shapefiles**: The shapefiles must depict the boundaries of all project areas and extent of aquatic resources impacted. Each shape should be attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Features and boundaries should be accurate to within 33 feet (10 meters). Identify datum/projection used and if possible, provide map with a North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) in the California Teale Albers projection in feet.
- **Google KML files** saved from Google Maps: My Maps or Google Earth Pro. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Include URL(s) of maps. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- **Other electronic format** (CAD or illustration format) that provides a context for location (inclusion of landmarks, known structures, geographic coordinates, or USGS DRG or DOQQ). Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- Aquatic resource maps marked on paper **USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps** or **Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQ)** printouts. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.

B. Photo-Documentation:

Include a unique identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions.

V. Report and Notification Cover Sheet

Project: Avenue 280 Tulare County Segment 2
Permittee: County of Tulare – Public Works
WDID: 5C54CR00168
Reg. Meas. ID: 464565
Place ID: 905945
Order Effective Date: 2 October 2026
Order Expiration Date: 2 October 2031

VI. Report Type Submitted

A. Part A – Project Reporting

Report Type 1 ☐ Monthly Report – Not Applicable
Report Type 2 ☐ Annual Report

B. Part B – Project Status Notifications

Report Type 3 ☐ Commencement of Construction
Report Type 4 ☐ Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter
Report Type 5 ☐ Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter

C. Part C – Conditional Notifications and Reports

Report Type 6 ☐ Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report
Report Type 7 ☐ Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report
Report Type 8 ☐ In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report
Report Type 9 ☐ Modifications to Project Report
Report Type 10 ☐ Transfer of Property Ownership Report
Report Type 11 ☐ Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

Print Name[1]	**Affiliation and Job Title**

Signature	**Date**

[1]STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION (include if authorization has changed since application was submitted)

I hereby authorize _____ to act in my behalf as my representative in the submittal of this report, and to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of this submittal.

Permittee's Signature	**Date**

***This Report and Notification Cover Sheet must be signed by the Permittee or a duly authorized representative and included with all written submittals.**

A. Part A – Project Reporting

1. Report Type 1 - Monthly Report – Not Applicable

2. Report Type 2 - Annual Report

a. Report Purpose - Notify the Central Valley Water Board staff of Project status during both the active discharge and post-discharge monitoring periods.

b. When to Submit - The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year on the 1st day of the month, one year after the effective date of the Order. Annual reporting shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee.

c. Report Contents - The contents of the annual report shall include the topics indicated below for each project period. Report contents are outlined in Annual Report Topics below.

During the Active Discharge Period

- **Topic 1: Construction Summary**
- **Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status**
- **Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status**

During the Post-Discharge Monitoring Period

- **Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status**
- **Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status**

i. Annual Report Topic 1 - Construction Summary

When to Submit - With the annual report during the Active Discharge Period.

Report Contents - Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction stormwater best management practices (BMPs). If construction has not started, provide estimated start date and reasons for delay.

1) Map showing general Project progress.

2) If applicable:

a) Summary of Conditional Notification and Report Types 6 and 7 (Part C below).

b) Summary of Certification Deviations. See Certification Deviation Attachment for further information.

ii. Annual Report Topic 2 - Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status

When to Submit - With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.

Report Contents -

1) Planned date of initiation and map showing locations of mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and all upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.
2) If mitigation for temporary impacts has already commenced, provide a map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the restoration plan.

iii. Annual Report Topic 3 - Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status

When to Submit - With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.

Report Contents - *If not applicable report N/A.

1) Part A. Permittee Responsible

a) Planned date of initiation of compensatory mitigation site installation.
b) If installation is in progress, a map of what has been completed to date.
c) If the compensatory mitigation site has been installed, provide a final map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the compensatory mitigation plan.

2) Part B. Mitigation Bank or In-Lieu Fee

a) Status or proof of purchase of credit types and quantities.
b) Include the name of bank/ILF Program and contact information.
c) If ILF, location of project and type if known.

B. Part B – Project Status Notifications

1. Report Type 3 - Commencement of Construction

a. Report Purpose - Notify Central Valley Water Board staff prior to the start of construction.

b. When to Submit - Must be received at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.

c. Report Contents -

i. Date of commencement of construction.

ii. Anticipated date when discharges to waters of the state will occur.

iii. Project schedule milestones including a schedule for onsite compensatory mitigation, if applicable.

iv. Construction Stormwater General Permit WDID No.

v. Proof of purchase of compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts from the mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program.

2. Report Type 4 - Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter

a. Report Purpose - Notify Central Valley Water Board staff that post-construction monitoring is required and that active Project construction, including any mitigation and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation, is complete.

b. When to Submit - Must be received by Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities.

c. Report Contents -

i. Status of stormwater Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.

ii. Status of post-construction stormwater BMP installation.

iii. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all Project activity sites where the discharge of dredge and/or fill/excavation was authorized.

iv. Summary of Certification Deviation discharge quantities compared to initial authorized impacts to waters of the state, if applicable.

v. An updated monitoring schedule for mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation during the post-discharge monitoring period, if applicable.

3. Report Type 5 - Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter

a. Report Purpose - Notify Central Valley Water Board staff that construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, or is not required, and no further Project activity is planned.

b. When to Submit - Must be received by Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities.

c. Report Contents -

i. Part A: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts

1) A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for Project site upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.

2) A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for restored areas of temporary impacts to waters of the state. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all restoration sites.

ii. Part B: Permittee Responsible Compensatory Mitigation

1) A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the compensatory mitigation plan have been met.

2) Status on the implementation of the long-term maintenance and management plan and funding of endowment.

3) Pre- and post-photo documentation of all compensatory mitigation sites.

4) Final maps of all compensatory mitigation areas (including buffers).

iii. Part C: Post-Construction Stormwater BMPs

1) Date of stormwater Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.

2) Report status and functionality of all post-construction BMPs.

3) Dates and report of visual post-construction inspection during the rainy season as indicated in XIV.C.4.

C. Part C – Conditional Notifications and Reports

1. Report Type 6 - Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report

a. Report Purpose - Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff that an accidental discharge of hazardous material has occurred.

b. When to Submit - Within five (5) working days of notification to the Central Valley Water Board of an accidental discharge. Continue reporting as required by Central Valley Water Board staff.

c. Report Contents -

i. The report shall include the OES Incident/Assessment Form, a full description and map of the accidental discharge incident (i.e. location, time and date, source, discharge constituent and quantity, aerial extent, and photo documentation). If applicable, the OES Written Follow-Up Report may be substituted.

ii. If applicable, any required sampling data, a full description of the sampling methods including frequency/dates and times of sampling, equipment, locations of sampling sites.

iii. Locations and construction specifications of any barriers, including silt curtains or diverting structures, and any associated trenching or anchoring.

2. Report Type 7 - Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report

a. Report Purpose - Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff that a violation of compliance with water quality standards has occurred.

b. When to Submit - The Permittee shall report any event that causes a violation of water quality standards within three (3) working days of the noncompliance event notification to Central Valley Water Board staff.

c. Report Contents - The report shall include: the cause; the location shown on a map; and the period of the noncompliance including exact dates and times. If the noncompliance has not been corrected, include: the anticipated time it is expected to continue; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and any monitoring results if required by Central Valley Water Board staff.

3. Report Type 8 - In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report

a. Report Purpose - Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of the start and completion of in-water work. Reports the sampling results during in-water work and during the entire duration of temporary surface water diversions.

b. When to Submit – At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of in-water work. Within three (3) working days following the completion of in-water work. Surface water monitoring reports to be submitted two (2) weeks of initiation of in-water construction and during entire duration of temporary surface water diversions. Continue reporting in accordance with the approved water quality monitoring plan or as indicated in XIV.C.3.

c. Report Contents - As required by the approved water quality monitoring plan or as indicated in XIV.C.3.

4. Report Type 9 - Modifications to Project Report

a. Report Purpose - Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff if the Project, as described in the application materials, is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.

b. When to Submit - If Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.

c. Report Contents - A description and location of any alterations to Project implementation. Identification of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with the Order.

5. Report Type 10 - Transfer of Property Ownership Report

a. Report Purpose - Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of change in ownership of the Project or Permittee-responsible mitigation area.

b. When to Submit - At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of ownership.

c. Report Contents -

i. A statement that the Permittee has provided the purchaser with a copy of this Order and that the purchaser understands and accepts:

1) the Order's requirements and the obligation to implement them or be subject to administrative and/or civil liability for failure to do so; and

2) responsibility for compliance with any long-term BMP maintenance plan requirements in this Order. Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control.

ii. A statement that the Permittee has informed the purchaser to submit a written request to the Central Valley Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order.

6. **Report Type 11 - Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report**
   a. **Report Purpose** - Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of transfer of long-term BMP maintenance responsibility.
   b. **When to Submit** - At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.
   c. **Report Contents** - A copy of the legal document transferring maintenance responsibility of post-construction BMPs.

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Attachment E – Signatory Requirements

All documents submitted in compliance with this Order shall meet the following signatory requirements:

A. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) must be signed and certified as follows:

1. For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer of at least the level of vice-president.

2. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or proprietor, respectively.

3. For a municipality, or a state, federal, or other public agency, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

B. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in items A.1 through A.3 above may sign documents if:

1. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in items A.1 through A.3 above.

2. The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated activity.

3. The written authorization is submitted to the Central Valley Water Board Staff Contact prior to submitting any documents listed in item A above.

C. Any person signing a document under this section shall make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.”

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Attachment F – Certification Deviation Procedures

I. Introduction

These procedures are put into place to preclude the need for Order amendments for minor changes in the Project routing or location. Minor changes or modifications in project activities are often required by the Permittee following start of construction. These deviations may potentially increase or decrease impacts to waters of the state. In such cases, a Certification Deviation, as defined in Section M of the Order, may be requested by the Permittee as set forth below:

II. Process Steps

A. Who may apply:

The Permittee or the Permittee's duly authorized representative or agent (hereinafter, "Permittee") for this Order.

B. How to apply:

By letter or email to the Water Quality Certification staff designated as the contact for this Order.

C. Certification Deviation Request:

The Permittee will request verification from the Central Valley Water Board staff that the project change qualifies as a Certification Deviation, as opposed to requiring an amendment to the Order. The request should:

1. Describe the Project change or modification:
    a. Proposed activity description and purpose;
    b. Why the proposed activity is considered minor in terms of impacts towaters of the state;
    c. How the Project activity is currently addressed in the Order; and,
    d. Why a Certification Deviation is necessary for the Project.
2. Describe location (latitude/longitude coordinates), the date(s) it will occur, as well as associated impact information (i.e., temporary or permanent, federal or non-federal jurisdiction, water body name/type, estimated impact area, etc.) and minimization measures to be implemented.
3. Provide all updated environmental survey information for the new impact area.
4. Provide a map that includes the activity boundaries with photos of the site.
5. Provide verification of any mitigation needed according to the Order conditions.
6. Provide verification from the CEQA Lead Agency that the proposed changes or modifications do not trigger the need for a subsequent environmental

document, an addendum to the environmental document, or a supplemental EIR. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15162-15164.)

D. <u>Post-Discharge Certification Deviation Reporting:</u>

1. Within 30 calendar days of completing the approved Certification Deviation activity, the Permittee will provide a post-discharge activity report that includes the following information:
   a. Activity description and purpose;
   b. Activity location, start date, and completion date;
   c. Erosion control and pollution prevention measures applied;
   d. The net change in impact area by water body type(s) in acres, linear feet and cubic yards;
   e. Mitigation plan, if applicable; and,
   f. Map of activity location and boundaries; post-construction photos.

E. <u>Annual Summary Deviation Report:</u>

1. Until a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued, include in the Annual Project Report (see Construction Notification and Reporting attachment) a compilation of all Certification Deviation activities through the reporting period with the following information:
   a. Site name(s);
   b. Date(s) of Certification Deviation approval;
   c. Location(s) of authorized activities;
   d. Impact area(s) by water body type prior to activity in acres, linear feet and cubic yards, as originally authorized in the Order;
   e. Actual impact area(s) by water body type in, acres, linear feet and cubic yards, due to Certification Deviation activity(ies);
   f. The net change in impact area by water body type(s) in acres, linear feet and cubic yards; and
   g. Mitigation to be provided (approved mitigation ratio and amount).

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Attachment G - Compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Section 121.7, Subdivision (d)

The purpose of this Attachment is to comply with Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section 121.7, subdivision (d), which requires all certification conditions to provide an explanation of why the condition is necessary to assure that any discharge authorized under the certification will comply with water quality requirements and a citation to federal, state, or tribal law that authorizes the condition. This Attachment uses the same organizational structure as Section XIV of the Order, and the statements below correspond with the conditions set forth in Section XIV. The other Order Sections are not “conditions” as used in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section 121.7.

I. General Justification for Section XIV Conditions

Pursuant to Clean Water Act section 401 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3859, subdivision (a), the Central Valley Water Board, when issuing water quality certifications, may set forth conditions to ensure compliance with applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements of state law. Under California Water Code section 13160, the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to issue water quality certifications under the Clean Water Act and has delegated this authority to the executive officers of the regional water quality controls boards for projects within the executive officer’s region of jurisdiction. (California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3838.)

The conditions within the Order are generally required pursuant to the Central Valley Water Board’s Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plan), which was adopted and is periodically revised pursuant to Water Code section 13240. The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies. For instance, the Basin Plan includes water quality objectives for chemical constituents, oil and grease, pH, sediment, suspended material, toxicity and turbidity, which ensure protection of beneficial uses.

The State Water Board’s Antidegradation Policy, “Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality Waters in California,” Resolution No. 68-16, requires that the quality of existing high-quality water be maintained unless any change will be consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state, will not unreasonably affect present or anticipated future beneficial uses of such water, and will not result in water quality less than that prescribed in water quality control plans or policies. The Antidegradation Policy further requires best practicable treatment or control of the discharge necessary to assure that pollution or nuisance will not occur and the highest water quality consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the state will be maintained. The Basin Plan incorporates this Policy. The state Antidegradation Policy incorporates the federal Antidegradation Policy (40 C.F.R. section 131.12 (a)(1)), which requires "[e]xisting instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing uses shall be maintained and protected."

The State Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State (Dredge or Fill Procedures), adopted pursuant to Water Code sections 13140 and 13170, authorize approval of dredge or fill projects only if the demonstrations set forth in Section IV.B.1 of the Dredge or Fill Procedures have been satisfied.

California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3830 et seq. set forth state regulations pertaining to water quality certifications. In particular, section 3856 sets forth information that must be included in water quality certification requests, and section 3860 sets forth standard conditions that shall be included in all water quality certification actions.

Finally, Water Code sections 13267 and 13383 authorize the regional and state boards to establish monitoring and reporting requirements for persons discharging or proposing to discharge waste.

II. Specific Justification for Section XIV Conditions

A. Authorization

Authorization under the Order is granted based on the application submitted. The Permittee is required to detail the scope of project impacts in a complete application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856, subdivision (h). Pursuant to Water Code section 13260, subdivision (c), each person discharging waste, or proposing to discharge waste shall file a report of waste discharge relative to any material change or proposed change in the character, location, or volume of the discharge. Pursuant to Water Code section 13264, subdivision (a), the Permittee is prohibited from initiating the discharge of new wastes, or making material changes to the character, volume, and timing of waste discharges authorized herein without filing a report required by Water Code section 13260 or its equivalent for certification actions under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856.

B. Reporting and Notification Requirements

1. Project Reporting

2. Project Status Notifications

The reporting and notification conditions under Sections B.1 and B.2 are required to provide the Central Valley Water Board necessary project information and oversight to ensure project discharges are complying with applicable Basin Plan requirements. These monitoring and reporting requirements are consistent with the Central Valley Water Board’s authority to investigate the quality of any waters of the state and require necessary monitoring and reporting pursuant to Water Code sections 13267 and 13383. Water Code section 13267 authorizes the regional boards to require any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste to provide technical or monitoring program reports required by the regional board. Water Code

section 13383 authorizes the regional boards to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and other recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by Water Code section 13160, for any person who discharges, or proposes to discharge, to navigable waters.

3. Conditional Notifications and Reports

a. Accidental Discharges of Hazardous Materials

Conditions under Section B.3.a related to notification and reporting requirements in the event of an accidental discharge of hazardous materials are required pursuant to section 13271 of the Water Code, which requires immediate notification of the Office of Emergency Services of the discharge in accordance with the spill reporting provision of the state toxic disaster contingency plan adopted pursuant to Article 3.7 (commencing with Section 8574.16) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code. “Hazardous materials” is defined under Health and Safety Code section 25501. These reports related to accidental discharges ensure that corrective actions, if any, that are necessary to minimize the impact or clean up such discharges can be taken as soon as possible.

b. Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards

c. In-Water work and Diversions

Conditions under Section B.3.b and B.3.c related to monitoring and reporting on water quality standard compliance and in-water work and diversions are required to provide the Central Valley Water Board necessary project information and oversight to ensure project discharges are complying with applicable water quality objectives under the Basin Plan. These monitoring and reporting requirements are consistent with the Central Valley Water Board’s authority to investigate the quality of any waters of the state and require necessary monitoring and reporting pursuant to Water Code sections 13267 and 13383. Water Code section 13267 authorizes the regional boards to require any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste to provide technical or monitoring program reports required by the regional board. Water Code section 13383 authorizes the regional boards to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and other recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by Water Code section 13160, for any person who discharges, or proposes to discharge, to navigable waters.

d. Modifications to Project

Authorization under this Order is granted based on the application and supporting information submitted. Conditions under Section B.3.d are necessary to ensure that if there are modifications to the project, that the Order requirements remain applicable. The Permittee is required to detail

the scope of project impacts in a complete application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856, subdivision (h). Pursuant to Water Code section 13260, subdivision (c), each person discharging waste, or proposing to discharge waste shall file a report of waste discharge relative to any material change or proposed change in the character, location, or volume of the discharge. Pursuant to Water Code section 13264, subdivision (a), the Permittee is prohibited from initiating the discharge of new wastes, or making material changes to the character, volume, and timing of waste discharges authorized herein without filing a report required by Water Code section 13260 or its equivalent for certification actions under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856.

e. Transfer of Property Ownership

f. Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance

Authorization under this Order is granted based on the application information submitted, including identification of the legally responsible party. Conditions under Sections B.3.e and B.3.f are necessary to confirm whether the new owner wishes to assume legal responsibility for compliance with this Order. If not, the original discharger remains responsible for compliance with this Order. Pursuant to Water Code section 13260, subdivision (c), each person discharging waste, or proposing to discharge waste shall file a report of waste discharge relative to any material change or proposed change in the character, location, or volume of the discharge. Pursuant to Water Code section 13264, subdivision (a), the Permittee is prohibited from initiating the discharge of new wastes, or making material changes to the character, volume, and timing of waste discharges authorized herein without filing a report required by Water Code section 13260 or its equivalent for certification actions under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856.

C. Water Quality Monitoring

Conditions under Section C related to water quality monitoring are required to confirm that best management practices required under this Order are sufficient to protect beneficial uses and to comply with water quality objectives to protect those uses under the Basin Plan. Applicable water quality objectives and beneficial uses are identified in the Order. These monitoring requirements are consistent with the Central Valley Water Board's authority to investigate the quality of any waters of the state and require necessary monitoring and reporting pursuant to Water Code sections 13267 and 13383. Water Code section 13267 authorizes the regional boards to require any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste to provide technical or monitoring program reports required by the regional board. Water Code section 13383 authorizes the regional boards to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and other

recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by Water Code section 13160, for any person who discharges, or proposes to discharge, to navigable waters.

D. Standard

1. This Order is subject to modification or revocation . . . .

This is a standard condition that "shall be included as conditions of all water quality certification actions" pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3860(a). This condition places the permittee on notice that the certification action may be modified or revoked following administrative or judicial review.

2. This Order is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility . . . .

This is a standard condition that "shall be included as conditions of all water quality certification actions" pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3860(b). This condition clarifies the scope of the certification's application.

3. This Order is conditioned upon total payment of any fee . . . .

This is a standard condition that "shall be included as conditions of all water quality certification actions" pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3860(c). This fee requirement condition is also required pursuant to California Code of Regulations, section 3833(b).

E. General Compliance

1. Failure to comply with any condition of this Order . . . .

The condition under Section E.1 places the Permittee on notice of any violations of Order requirements. Pursuant to Water Code section 13385, subdivision (a)(2), a person who violates any water quality certification issued pursuant to Water Code section 13160 shall be liable civilly.

2. Permitted actions must not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standards . . . .

Conditions under Section E.2 related to compliance with water quality objectives and designated beneficial uses are required pursuant to the Central Valley Water Board's Basin Plan. The Basin Plan's water quality standards consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies. The Antidegradation Policy requires that the quality of existing high-quality water be maintained unless any change will be consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state, will not unreasonably affect present or anticipated future beneficial uses of such water, and will not result in water quality less than that prescribed in water quality control plans or policies. The Antidegradation Policy further requires

best practicable treatment or control of the discharge necessary to assure that pollution or nuisance will not occur and the highest water quality consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the state will be maintained. Applicable beneficial uses and water quality objectives to protect those uses include the Chemical Constituents (Basin Plan, Section 3.1.34), Oil and Grease (Basin Plan, Section 3.1.8), pH (Basin Plan, Section 3.1.9), Sediment (Basin Plan, 3.1.13), Suspended Material (3.1.15), Toxicity (Basin Plan, 3.1.18), and Turbidity (Basin Plan, Section 3.1.19) water quality objectives.

3. **In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Order, the Central Valley Water Board may require . . . .**

   Conditions under Section E.3 related to monitoring and reporting are required to provide the Central Valley Water Board necessary project information and oversight to ensure project discharges are complying with applicable Basin Plan requirements. These monitoring and reporting requirements are consistent with the Central Valley Water Board's authority to investigate the quality of any waters of the state and require necessary monitoring and reporting pursuant to Water Code sections 13267 and 13383. Water Code section 13267 authorizes the regional boards to require any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste to provide technical or monitoring program reports required by the regional board. Technical supports submitted pursuant to Water Code section 13267 are required to be submitted under penalty of perjury. Water Code section 13383 authorizes the regional boards to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and other recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by Water Code section 13160, for any person who discharges, or proposes to discharge, to navigable waters.

4. **The Permittee must, at all times, fully comply with engineering plans, specifications, and technical reports . . . .**

   Authorization under the Order is granted based on the application and supporting information submitted. The Permittee is required to detail the project description in a complete application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856, subdivision (h). Pursuant to Water Code section 13260, subdivision (c), each person discharging waste, or proposing to discharge waste shall file a report of waste discharge relative to any material change or proposed change in the character, location, or volume of the discharge. Pursuant to Water Code section 13264, subdivision (a), the Permittee is prohibited from initiating the discharge of new wastes, or making material changes to the character, volume, and timing of waste discharges authorized herein without filing a report required by Water Code section 13260 or its equivalent for certification actions under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856. Finally, compliance with conditions of the Order ensures that the Project will comply with all water quality standards and other appropriate requirements as detailed herein. (California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3859, subdivision (a).)

5. This Order and all of its conditions herein continue to have full force and effect . . . .

This condition ensures continued compliance with applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements of state law. Notwithstanding any determinations by the U.S. Army Corps or other federal agency pursuant to 40 C.F.R. section 121.9, the Permittee must comply with the entirety of this certification because, pursuant to State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ, this Order also serves as Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

6. The Permittee shall adhere to all requirements in the mitigation monitoring and reporting program . . . .

This condition ensures mitigation measures required to lessen the significance of impacts to water quality identified pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act review are implemented and enforceable. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15097, subdivision (a), a public agency shall adopt a program for monitoring and reporting on mitigation measures imposed to mitigate or avoid significant environmental effects to ensure implementation.

7. Construction General Permit Requirement

Permittees are required to obtain coverage under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2022-0057-DWQ; NPDES No. CAS000002), as amended, for discharges to surface waters comprised of stormwater associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavation, 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. This is required pursuant to Clean Water Act sections 301 and 402 which prohibit certain discharges of stormwater containing pollutants except in compliance with an NPDES permit. (33 U.S.C. section 1311, and 1342(p); 40 C.F.R. parts 122, 123, and 124.)

8. Delta Regional Monitoring Program (RMP)

This condition ensures continued monitoring, reporting and assessment of water quality for discharges that may impact Delta quality. The Delta waterways are listed as impaired under Clean Water Act section 303(d) for chlordane, DDT, diazinon, dieldrin, mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls, and unknown toxicity. Data from these monitoring studies is used to inform existing control programs, including the Delta Mercury Control Program under the Basin Plan. (Basin Plan, Section 4.5.4.3.)

F. Administrative

1. **Signatory requirements for all document submittals . . . .**

   The condition for signatory requirements is required pursuant to Water Code section 13267, which requires any person discharging waste that could affect the quality of waters to provide to the Central Valley Water Board, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring program reports as required by the Central Valley Water Board. The signatory requirements are consistent with 40 C.F.R. section 122.22.

2. **This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered, or candidate species . . . .**

   Pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & Wildlife Code, sections 2050 et seq.) and federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. sections 1531 et set.), the Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered, or candidate species. In the event a Permittee requires authorization from the state or federal authorities, California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856(e), requires that copies be provided to the Central Valley Water Board of "any final and signed federal, state, and local licenses, permits, and agreements (or copies of the draft documents, if not finalized) that will be required for any construction, operation, maintenance, or other actions associated with the activity. If no final or draft document is available, a list of all remaining agency regulatory approvals being sought shall be included."

3. **The Permittee shall grant Central Valley Water Board staff . . . .**

   The condition related to site access requirements is authorized pursuant to the Central Valley Water Board's authority to investigate the quality of any waters of the state within its region under Water Code section 13267 and 13383. Water Code section 13267, subdivision (c) provides that "the regional board may inspect the facilities of any person to ascertain whether the purposes of this division are being met and waste discharge requirements are being complied with." Water Code section 13383 authorizes the regional boards to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and other recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by Water Code section 13160, for any person who discharges, or proposes to discharge, to navigable waters.

4. **A copy of this Order shall be provided to any consultants, contractors, and subcontractors . . . .**

   This Condition ensures any agent of the Permittee is aware of Order requirements. Such conditions within the Order are necessary to ensure that all activities will comply with applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements (33 U.S.C. section 1341; California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3859, subdivision (a)) and cannot be adhered to if the Permittees' agents are unaware of applicable requirements. These conditions are necessary to ensure compliance with applicable water quality

objectives and protection of beneficial uses found in the Basin Plan, adopted pursuant to Water Code section 13240, and detailed in the Order.

5. A copy of this Order must be available at the Project site(s) during construction . . .

This Condition ensures any agent of the Permittee is aware of Order requirements. Such conditions within the Order are necessary to ensure that all activities will comply with applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements (33 U.S.C. section 1341; California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3859, subdivision (a)) and cannot be adhered to if the Permittees' agents are unaware of applicable requirements. These conditions are necessary to ensure compliance with applicable water quality objectives and protection of beneficial uses found in the Basin Plan, adopted pursuant to Water Code section 13240, and detailed in the Order.

6. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement

This condition is required pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856, subdivision (e), which requires that copies be provided to the Central Valley Water Board of "any final and signed federal, state, and local licenses, permits, and agreements (or copies of the draft documents, if not finalized) that will be required for any construction, operation, maintenance, or other actions associated with the activity. If no final or draft document is available, a list of all remaining agency regulatory approvals being sought shall be included."

G. Construction

1. Dewatering

Conditions related to dewatering and diversions ensure protection of beneficial uses during construction activities. Work in waters of the state and temporary diversions must not cause exceedances of water quality objectives; accordingly, these conditions require implementation of best practicable treatments and controls to prevent pollution and nuisance, and to maintain water quality consistent with the Basin Plan and Antidegradation Policy. Further and consistent with the Dredge or Fill Procedures, section IV.A.2.c, water quality monitoring plans are required for any in-water work. Finally, dewatering activities may require a Clean Water Act section 402 permit or separate Waste Discharge Requirements under Water Code section 13263 for dewatering activities that result in discharges to land.

Conditions related to water rights permits are required pursuant to California Code of Regs, title 23, section 3856(e), which requires complete copies of any final and signed federal, state, or local licenses, permits, and agreements (or copies of drafts if not finalized) that will be required for any construction, operation, maintenance, or other actions associated with the activity.

Conditions related to monitoring and reporting are required to provide the Central Valley Water Board necessary project information and oversight to ensure project discharges are complying with applicable Basin Plan requirements. These monitoring and reporting requirements are consistent with the Central Valley Water Board's authority to investigate the quality of any waters of the state and require necessary monitoring and reporting pursuant to Water Code sections 13267 and 13383. Water Code section 13267 authorizes the regional boards to require any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste to provide technical or monitoring program reports required by the regional board. Water Code section 13383 authorizes the regional boards to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and other recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by Water Code section 13160, for any person who discharges, or proposes to discharge, to navigable waters.

2. Directional Drilling

The conditions related to directional drilling are necessary given the risks posed by an inadvertent return of drilling fluids to waters. Given the likely toxicity of the discharge and the proximity to the impacted water, significant adverse impacts to waters would be expected and remediation would be difficult. This condition is required to assure that the discharge from the Project will comply with water quality objectives established for surface waters, including for chemical constituents and toxicity. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.4 & 3.1.18.) Horizontal directional drilling, and similar drilling operations, may result in the unintentional discharge of drilling fluids to waters of the state. These conditions are necessary to ensure that 1) the discharge shall not adversely affect the beneficial uses of the receiving water or cause a condition of nuisance; 2) the discharge shall comply with all applicable water quality objectives; and 3) treatment and control of the discharge shall be implemented to assure that pollution and nuisance will not occur and the highest water quality is maintained. (Dredge or Fill Procedures, Section IV.B.1.)

3. Dredging

Conditions relating to dredging activities are necessary ensure protection of beneficial uses and water quality during dredging operations and placement of dredged materials. Authorized placement of materials ensures that no adverse impacts to ground or surface water will occur. This condition is required to assure that dredging operations will comply with water quality objectives established for surface waters, including turbidity and the reintroduction and resuspension of harmful metal or organic materials. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.19, 3.1.15.) These conditions are necessary to ensure that 1) the discharge shall not adversely affect the beneficial uses of the receiving water or cause a condition of nuisance; 2) the discharge shall comply with all applicable water quality objectives; and 3) treatment and control of the

discharge shall be implemented to assure that pollution and nuisance will not occur and the highest water quality is maintained. (Dredge or Fill Procedures, Section IV.B.1.)

4. Fugitive Dust

This condition is required to assure that the discharge from the Project will comply with water quality objectives established for surface waters, including for chemical constituents and toxicity. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.4 & 3.1.18.) Chemicals used in dust abatement activities can result in a discharge of chemical additives and treated waters to surface waters of the state. Therefore, dust abatement activities shall be conducted so that sediment or dust abatement chemicals are not discharged into waters of the state and do not adversely affect beneficial uses. (Basin Plan, Section 2.1; Dredge or Fill Procedures, Section IV.B.1.)

5. Good Site Management "Housekeeping"

Conditions related to site management require best practices to prevent, minimize, and/or clean up potential construction spills, including from construction equipment. For instance, fuels and lubricants associated with the use of mechanized equipment have the potential to result in toxic discharges to waters of the state in violation of water quality standards, including the toxicity and floating material water quality objectives. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.18, 3.1.8, 3.1.7.) This condition is also required pursuant to Water Code section 13264, which prohibits any discharge that is not specifically authorized in this Order. Among other requirements, Section IV.B.1 of the Dredge or Fill Procedures requires that Project impacts will not cause or contribute to a degradation of waters; or violate water quality standards.

6. Hazardous Materials

Conditions related to toxic and hazardous materials are necessary to assure that discharges comply with applicable water quality objectives under the Basin Plan, adopted under section 13240 of the Water Code, including the narrative toxicity and chemical constituents water quality objectives. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.18, 3.1.4.) Further, conditions related to concrete/cement are required pursuant to the Basin Plan's pH water quality objective. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.9)

7. Invasive Species and Soil Borne Pathogens

Conditions related to invasive species and soil borne pathogens are required to ensure that discharges will not violate any water quality objectives under the Basin Plan, adopted under Water Code section 13240 of the Water Code. Invasive species and soil borne pathogens adversely affect beneficial uses designated in the Basin Plan, such as rare, threatened, or endangered species; wildlife habitat; and preservation of biological habitats of special significance. (See Basin Plan, Section 2) Among other requirements, Section IV.B.1 of the Dredge or Fill Procedures requires that Project impacts will not

contribute to a net loss of the overall abundance, diversity, and condition of aquatic resources; cause or contribute to a degradation of waters; or violate water quality standards.

8. Post-Construction Stormwater Management

Conditions related to post-construction stormwater management are required to comply with the Basin Plan and to assure that the discharge complies with applicable water quality objectives. Post-rain erosion and sedimentation problems can contribute to significant degradation of the waters of the state; therefore, it is necessary to take corrective action to eliminate such discharges in order to avoid or minimize such degradation. Implementation of control measures and best management practices described in the conditions will assure compliance with water quality objectives including for floating material, sediment, turbidity, temperature, suspended material, and settleable material. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.7, 3.1.13, 3.1.19, 3.1.17, 3.1.15, 3.1.14.) Among other requirements, Section IV.B.1 of the Dredge or Fill Procedures requires that Project impacts will not contribute to a net loss of the overall abundance, diversity, and condition of aquatic resources; cause or contribute to a degradation of waters; or violate water quality standards.

9. Roads

These conditions are required to assure that discharges will comply with water quality standards within the Basin Plan. Specifically, activities associated with road maintenance have the potential to exceed water quality objectives for oil and grease, pH, sediment, settleable materials, temperature, and turbidity. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.8, 3.1.9, 3.1.13, 3.1.14, 3.1.17, 3.1.19.) Further, these conditions are required to assure that they do not result in adverse impacts related to hydromodification or create barriers to fish passage and spawning activities. Among other requirements, Section IV.B.1 of the Dredge or Fill Procedures requires that Project impacts will not contribute to a net loss of the overall abundance, diversity, and condition of aquatic resources; cause or contribute to a degradation of waters; or violate water quality standards.

10. Sediment Control

Conditions related to erosion and sediment control design requirements are required to sustain fluvial geomorphic equilibrium. Improperly designed and installed BMPs result in excess sediment, which impairs surface waters, adversely affect beneficial uses, and results in exceedance of water quality objectives in the Basin Plan, including for sediment and turbidity. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.13 & 3.1.19.) Among other requirements, Section IV.B.1 of the Dredge or Fill Procedures requires that Project impacts will not contribute to a net loss of the overall abundance, diversity, and condition of aquatic resources; cause or contribute to a degradation of waters; or violate water quality standards.

11. Special Status Species

See F.2 above.

12. Stabilization/Erosion Control

Conditions related to erosion and sediment control design requirements are required to sustain fluvial geomorphic equilibrium. Improperly designed and installed BMPs result in excess sediment, which impairs surface waters, adversely affect beneficial uses, and results in exceedance of water quality objectives in the Basin Plan, including for sediment. (Basin Plan, Section 3.1.13.) Among other requirements, Section IV.B.1 of the Dredge or Fill Procedures requires that Project impacts will not contribute to a net loss of the overall abundance, diversity, and condition of aquatic resources; cause or contribute to a degradation of waters; or violate water quality standards.

13. Stormwater

Post-rain erosion and sedimentation problems can contribute to significant degradation of the waters of the state; therefore, it is necessary to take corrective action to eliminate such discharges in order to avoid or minimize such degradation. Implementation of control measures and best management practices described in the condition will assure compliance with water quality objectives including chemical constituents, floating material, sediment, turbidity, temperature, suspended material, and settleable material within the Basin Plan. (Basin Plan, Sections 3.1.4, 3.1.7, 3.1.13, 3.1.19, 3.1.17, 3.1.15, 3.1.14.). Among other requirements, Section IV.B.1 of the Dredge or Fill Procedures requires that Project impacts will not cause or contribute to a degradation of waters or violate water quality standards.

H. Site Specific – Not Applicable

I. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) – Not Applicable

J. Mitigation for Temporary Impacts

The conditions under Section J require restoration of temporary impacts to waters of the state. Conditions in this section related to restoration and/or mitigation of temporary impacts are consistent with the Dredge or Fill Procedures, which requires “in all cases where temporary impacts are proposed, a draft restoration plan that outlines design, implementation, assessment, and maintenance for restoring areas of temporary impacts to pre-project conditions.” (Dredge or Fill Procedures section IV. A.2(d) & B.4.) Technical reporting and monitoring requirements under this condition are consistent with the Central Valley Water Board’s authority to investigate the quality of any waters of the state and require necessary reporting and monitoring pursuant to Water Code sections 13267 and 13383.

K. Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts – Not Applicable

L. Ecological Restoration and Enhancement – Not Applicable

M. Certification Deviation

1. **Minor modifications of Project locations or predicted impacts . . . .**
2. **A Project modification shall not be granted a Certification Deviation if it warrants or necessitates . . . .**

   Authorization under the Order is granted based on the application and supporting information submitted. Among other requirements, the Permittee is required to detail the project description in a complete application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856, subdivision (h). Pursuant to Water Code section 13260, subdivision (c), each person discharging waste, or proposing to discharge waste shall file a report of waste discharge relative to any material change or proposed change in the character, location, or volume of the discharge. Pursuant to Water Code section 13264, subdivision (a), the Permittee is prohibited from initiating the discharge of new wastes, or making material changes to the character, volume, and timing of waste discharges authorized herein without filing a report required by Water Code section 13260 or its equivalent for certification actions under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856. Project deviations may require additional or different Order conditions as authorized by law to ensure compliance with applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements (33 U.S.C. section 1341; California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3859, subdivision (a)) and may result in impacts to water quality that require additional environmental review (California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15062-15063).