Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER NO. 2023-0058-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF DREDGED OR FILL MATERIAL TO WATERS OF THE STATE FROM EMERGENCY REPAIR AND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, ST. JOHN'S RIVER RESTORATION 5 PROJECT (WDID# 5C54CR00172), TULARE COUNTY

On 14 September 2026, the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (Permittee) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 13 July 2023 State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2023-0058-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State from Emergency Repair and Protection Activities (General Dredge-Fill WDR). Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has reviewed the enrollment materials and finds the St. John's River Restoration 5 Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. 2023-0058-DWQ. The Permittee may proceed with the Project in accordance with the General Dredge-Fill WDR.

A copy of Order 2023-0058-DWQ (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders/2023/emergency-wdr-main.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's Adopted Orders Webpage.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. 2023-0058-DWQ. The Permittee is responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. 2023-0058-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the General Dredge-Fill WDR.

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and the General Dredge-Fill WDR. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Dredge-Fill WDR, dated 14 September 2026, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Dredge-Fill WDR is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The 0.23-acre St. Johns River Restoration 5 Project involves the repair and stabilization of an existing concrete weir located on the St. Johns River. Severe winter storms in 2023 caused extensive scouring, erosion, and material loss along the weir's base and adjacent embankments, resulting in compromised structural integrity and increased vulnerability to future high-flow events. Constructed in 1960, the weir measures approximately 170 feet in length and 15 feet in depth and serves a critical water-control function. Due to the extent of storm-related damage and the potential for additional erosion during upcoming winter conditions, immediate emergency repairs are necessary.

The proposed work consists of installing engineered riprap within and around the existing weir footprint to restore the structure to its pre-disaster design and operational condition. Large, angular rock sourced from Lemon Cove Granite (Tulare County) will be placed to reinforce the riverbank and weir foundation, dissipate hydraulic energy, and reduce erosion potential. The riprap installation will enhance bank stability, protect the weir against fluctuating flows and storm impacts, and ensure continued functionality of the structure. According to the Permittee's Notice of Intent, the Project will permanently impact 0.0505 acres/600 cubic yards of stream channel aquatic resources. However, because all the reported permanent impacts are proposed to occur within the footprint of the existing weir and associated hardened areas, there will be no new permanent impacts to aquatic resources. Therefore, the Central Valley Water Board considers the impacts to be temporary, and no compensatory mitigation is necessary.

PROJECT LOCATION:
The Project is located at 15520 Ivanhoe Drive in Visalia, California.

Section 23, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 36.35142 degrees, and Longitude: -119.23183 degrees

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
The Project is proposed to take place from September 2026 to November 2026.

REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
The Permittee shall submit all reports in accordance with Section VI.G of the Dredge-Fill WDR, the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of the Dredge-Fill WDR, and this Notice of Applicability and email them to: centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov with a cc to Ernesto P. Garcia at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov. The WDID No. for this Project is 5C54CR00172.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:
An application fee of $4,212.00 was received on 1 April 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 F - Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Ernesto P. Garcia at (559) 445-6126 or at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov.

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