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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

RESOLUTION R5-2023-0061
WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, REPORTS OF WASTE DISCHARGE, AND/OR WATER RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGE WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
SANTA FE AGGREGATES
SANTA FE AGGREGATES LA GRANGE PROJECT
STANISLUAS COUNTY

On 30 January 2026, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) received a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) from Santa Fe Aggregates (hereafter referred to as Discharger), to obtain coverage under the *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements, Reports of Waste Discharge, and/or Water Recycling Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region* (Low Threat Waiver, Resolution R5-2023-0061) for discharge of aggregate crushing, washing, and screening wash water into a dredge surface impoundment (pond). The ROWD included a Form 200, project map, and a summary of the proposed site activities.

The submittal contains all the information required to evaluate the applicability of the discharge under the Low Threat Waiver. The discharge qualifies for the category of small, short-term sand and gravel operations (Category 12 in Attachment A). Based on the information provided, the proposed discharge meets the conditions of the Waiver. The discharge is hereby covered under the Low Threat Waiver and assigned enrollee number **R5-2023-0061-0044**. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge. A copy of the Low Threat Waiver is available on Central Valley Water Board's website.

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2023-0061.pdf)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Santa Fe Aggregates La Grange project involves bringing a portable aggregate plant (crushing, washing, and screening unit) to the La Grange facility located at 21600 Yosemite Boulevard, Waterford, California 95386 (Stanislaus County) to process onsite dredge tailings during a short-term aggregate operation. No in-water work will occur, and approximately 150,000 to 200,000 tons of finished aggregate products are anticipated over the duration of the project.

Discharge and return flow will occur within an onsite unlined pond previously used for dredging for settling and reuse/management at the facility (i.e., wash water returned to the pond rather than discharged to surface waters). Operations are proposed to occur from 1 March 2026 through 30 September 2026 (the plant will be ceasing operations by the end of September 2026).

Source water for the wash plant will be pumped from the north end of the onsite former dredge pond, and the used wash water will be returned to the south end of the pond to allow fines to settle out. The returned wash water is anticipated to contain approximately 15% solids, and no flocculants or other chemical additives will be added. The approximate discharge rate is 1,000 gallons per minute for 10–12 hours per day, generating approximately 200 tons of silt per day. The former dredge pond does not connect to the nearby Tuolumne River. The onsite ponds, including the former dredge pond, were created as a result of mining activities conducted under Stanislaus County Mining Permit No. 78-76 and are therefore associated with the permitted mining operations.

As part of its monitoring commitments, the discharger will meter and record the volume of wash water discharged to the onsite pond system. The Discharger will document and maintain records of discharge volumes, berm conditions surrounding the discharge pond, and freeboard measurements. A minimum of two feet of freeboard will be maintained in the discharge pond at all times.

The Discharger will notify the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board prior to commencing discharge activities and within one week of completing discharge at the site. Upon request, the discharger will submit a summary report to the Central Valley Water Board at the conclusion of the permit term documenting total discharge volumes and recorded freeboard measurements.

Discharger will notify the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board prior to initiating discharge and within one week following completion of discharge activities at the site. Upon request, the Discharger will submit a report to the Regional Board at the end of the permit term summarizing discharge volumes and documented freeboard measurements.

The project is within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board, and the operative Water Quality Control Plan is the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basin, Fifth

Edition, revised February 2019 (hereafter Basin Plan). The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Board. Pursuant to §13263(a) of the California Water Code, waste discharge requirements must implement the Basin Plan.

FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Low Threat Waiver, including the Conditions of Discharge (Attachment A of the Waiver). The discharge must be managed in accordance with the requirements contained in the Conditions of Discharge and with the information submitted in the RWD and this Notice of Applicability (NOA). Discharger is responsible for compliance with the Waiver and must provide sufficient oversight to ensure compliance and prompt reporting of any non-compliance. Upon completion of the discharge activities and confirmation that all hydrostatic water has percolated and/or evaporated, the Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board to request termination of coverage under the Waiver. Discharge of construction dewatering at a location or in a manner different from that described in the NOI or this NOA is prohibited.

DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to: centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov.

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information should be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name: Santa Fe Aggregates, Stanislaus County
Program: NON-15
Order: R5-2023-0061-0044
CIWQS Place ID: 905776

Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
ECM Mailroom
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

All documents, including responses to inspections and written notifications, submitted to comply with this NOA shall be directed, via the paperless office system, to the Compliance and Enforcement Unit, attention to Howard Hold. Mr. Hold can be reached

at (916) 464-4679 or Howard.Hold@waterboards.ca.gov. Questions regarding the permitting aspects of the Waiver, and notification for termination of coverage under this NOA, shall be directed, via the paperless office system, to the WDR Permitting Unit, attention Vishaal Kumar. Mr. Kumar can be reached at (916) 464-4625 or by email at Vishaal.kumar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Executive Officer

Attachments: Attachment A – Site Map

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Stanislaus County Environmental Health Department
Howard Hold, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (via email)

ATTACHMENT A – PROJECT MAP

N W E S	Drawing Reference: Aerial photography provided by discharger.	**FACIILITY AND USE AREA MAP** SANTA FE AGGREGATES LAGRANGE STANISLAUS COUNTY