



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Planned Operations and Instructions for Category B

(Notification for General Order for Nonpoint Source Discharge Activities Order Number R5-2024-0059)

Federal Agency Information

USFS Forest/Ranger District:

BLM Field Office:

Project Information

NEPA Name:

NEPA Type (check one): EA EIS CE

Provide Link to All NEPA Documents:

Project Name:

Is this a new project or a renewal for an expired project (Check one)

New Project

Renewal Enter the Month/Year of original submission

Project Map Enclosed (must be checked)

Is this project part of an approved Watershed Treatment Plan (WTP):

Yes No

Size (Acres or Miles):

County/Counties Project will take place in:

Project Activities (check all that apply):

Vegetation Management

Transportation Management

Recreation Facilities Management

Restoration Management

Post-Emergency Recovery

Project Description:

Please ensure the general location of anticipated project activities within the next year are identified on the attached project map.

Is Pesticide Application a component of this project: Yes No

If yes, indicate the proposed method of pesticide application (check all that apply):

- Stump application Individual invasive species treatment
 Aerial application Broadcast spraying

NOTE: Aerial and broadcast application requires additional notification to the Central Valley Water Board, in writing, **at least 15 days prior** to the proposed application of pesticides.

Project Schedule

Expected start date of operations:

Expected project completion date:

Are winter operations anticipated¹: Yes No

Expected timeframe for winter operations:

Soil/ground conditions for winter operations:

Controllable Sediment Discharge Sources (CSDS)

CSDS have been identified for project area and CSDS table is attached (if checked, check one of the boxes for appurtenant roads below)

Appurtenant Road Assessment (choose one)

- Complete
 Will be completed within 12 months

No CSDS information is available (if checked, check one of the boxes below)

- No CSDS were identified during the initial project assessment
 Project area is a part of an approved WTP
 Requesting extension in accordance with Order Part II.E.3.e

Reason for extension:

- Project is >15,000 acres
 Project has >50 miles of designated roads
 Emergency impacted project area or diverted resources

If the extension is based on an emergency provide the name of emergency, or a short description of the emergency in the box below

Proposed date for CSDS submittal:

HUC12 Watershed number(s):

¹ **“Winter Period”** means the period extending from November 15 to April 1, when prolonged or regular precipitation is expected to occur and when saturated road conditions normally exist, or roads become inaccessible due to wet weather or snow.

Please ensure CSDS locations are identified on the attached project map.

Project Contact Information

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Secondary Project Contact (if available)

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Signature, Date, and Certification

I am aware that monitoring and technical reports submitted pursuant to Water Code § 13267 are submitted under penalty of perjury, and I certify 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.

Name:

Title:

Signature: _____ **Date:**

NPO Expiration Date is 12 months from signature date.

Submittal Instructions

The Permittees must submit a signed NPO to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board office **15 days prior** to project operations commencing or **30 days after** operations commence if the project is part of Post-Wildfire Management, or Emergency Recovery efforts.

Instructions for Completing Notice of Planned Operations Form

The Central Valley Water Board is a paperless office; therefore, work plans/reports should be submitted in searchable Portable Document Format (PDF), Word, and/or Excel when feasible. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to the appropriate office:

Rancho Cordova Office: centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov

Redding Office: centralvalleyredding@waterboards.ca.gov

Fresno Office: centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov

In the subject line of the email, include the program (Forest Activities Program), subject (e.g., Annual Report, Discharge Incident Report, NPO, Pesticide Notification, etc.), and the name of the staff person that will receive the document(s) (if known).

Federal Agency Information

Enter the name of the Federal Agency Unit (USFS or BLM), followed by National Forest and Ranger District, or BLM Field Office.

Project Information

Provide the NEPA document name.

Indicate the type of NEPA document that was completed for the project and provide a link to all applicable NEPA documents. This must include the signed NEPA decision document. A hard copy may be submitted if necessary.

Provide a specific project name or ID if available.

Indicate if the NPO is for a new project, or renewal for an expired NPO.

If a renewal, enter the date (month/year) that Project NPO was first submitted.

A Project map must be included with this NPO, and must include the following information:

- Map must be submitted digitally and formatted as a georeferenced PDF compatible with ArcMap/GIS applications
- Title (Project name, Federal Administrative Unit, Date)
- Legend, scale, north arrow
- Project boundary (NEPA planning area)
- General location of where operations are planned to take place during the next 1-year period for specific work such as timber sale, restoration work, road work, etc.
- Type and name of all designated roads and trails within project boundary
- Classification of all watercourses and identification of all wetlands or lakes within the project boundary (refer to Attachment A Definitions)
- Water drafting sources and locations to be used in support of project activities
- All CSDS with a unique identifier tied to the CSDS inventory

Indicate if this project is part of the Controllable Sediment Source Reduction Program (CSSRP). See Section II.G for program overview.

Enter the project size in acres or miles, if applicable.

Enter county or counties project activities will occur in.

Select the applicable land management activities that are planned to take place. Note: Post-Emergency Recovery may be combined with any of the other covered activities.

Provide specific details of proposed project activities, including any ground disturbing activities.

Indicate whether pesticides are authorized to be applied at any time during project implementation.

Indicate method of pesticide application that has been authorized.

Project Schedule

Provide month and year project operations are expected to commence and to end.

Indicate if winter operations are anticipated to occur.

Indicate the expected time frame of winter operations based on ideal winter conditions.

Controllable Sediment Discharge Sources (CSDS)

If CSDS were identified in the project area, those sources must be identified on the enclosed project map with a unique identifier. Additionally, if CSDS have been identified in the project area, **a CSDS inventory table must be enclosed with this NPO.**

Indicate whether the Appurtenant Road Assessment is complete or to be completed within 12 months.

If CSDS information is not included with the NPO, please select an explanation as to why (i.e., No CSDS were identified, need additional time or an extension etc.).

If the reason for extension is based on an emergency action, explain. (Add emergency name or short description).

If requesting extension at the time of the Initial NPO submittal, the NPO must be signed by a USFS Forest Supervisor/District Ranger or BLM Field Office Manager

Add proposed date for CSDS submittal if known.

Add HUC12 Watershed number.

Project Contact Information

Provide the primary contact information for the project, including name and title, phone number, email address, and mailing address. Provide secondary contact if available.

Signature and Certification

The NPO must be signed and dated by an authorized representative, meaning an individual that has completed the training and certification program under order R5-2024-0059, Section II.I.

NPO Submittal:

A signed and complete NPO must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board at least **15 days prior** to ground disturbing operations commencing or the NPO expiration date, or **30 days after** ground disturbing operations have commenced if operations are part of Post-Emergency Recovery.

NPO Expiration Date: The covered operational period of this NPO shall last for up to 12 months from the signature date, after which this NPO shall expire. If project activities are expected to proceed longer than 12 months, an updated NPO must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board at least **15 days prior** to the expiration date, or at least **15 days prior** to ground disturbing operations recommencing if the expiration date has already lapsed.