

Comparison of General Order Coverage and Non-Notifying Submission Requirements (Attachment A)

Activity Type	Order Coverage Trigger	Non-notifying (Category A) Criteria ^{1 2}
Vegetation Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vegetation Management activities that are within 50 feet of any waters of the state; or 2. Vegetation Management activities that cumulatively result in over 0.50 acre of <i>soil disturbance</i> in locations with slopes equal to or greater than 30% and soils having erodibility K factor equal to or greater than 0.2. 	<p>Any project limited to vegetation management activities. Those that meet the criteria below need not file a notice of intent pursuant to General Order Section IV.E.3, but must still notify the Regional Board 30 days prior to beginning work in accordance with Section IV.E.2.b:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Occur within 50 feet of any waterbody listed on the 2024 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List as impaired for sediment, nutrients, or temperature B. Occur within 50 feet of any Class I or Class II watercourse that may cause or increase the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bank instability ii. Loss of shade that maintains cooler stream temperatures for anadromous fish iii. Loss of beneficial allochthonous material or other riparian ecosystem services iv. Adverse impacts to beneficial uses including the Rare and Spawning beneficial use
Herbicide Application	<p>Application of herbicide to vegetation for the purposes of maintaining clearance requirements as required by PRC § 4292, or otherwise reducing the risk of wildfire (such as the creation of defensible space as required by PRC § 4291) within 50 feet of any waters of the state.</p>	<p>Any project limited to herbicide application.</p>
Site Access Development/Maintenance	<p>Construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or improvements of access routes used to access electric utility facilities where such activity results in over 300 cumulative linear feet of soil disturbance, or that results in <i>soil disturbance</i> within 500 feet of waters of the state.</p>	<p>Any project that is limited to the following <i>access route maintenance</i> activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applying gravel to existing road surfaces • cleanout or armoring of cross-drain culvert outfalls, inboard ditches, and ditch relief culverts • installing additional inboard ditch relief culverts • armoring cut slopes above roads to prevent erosion and slumping • maintaining or adding rolling dips or rolling dip leadouts • stabilizing existing fill slopes

¹ Activities that require coverage under the permit, but meet these criteria may proceed using the reduced Category A process outlined in General Order Section IV.E.1.

² If an activity meets the criteria for multiple non-notifying categories, it remains exempt from notification requirements.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • surface blading to maintain or improve drainage
Staging Areas and Laydown Yards Electric Utility Infrastructure Lowering, Maintenance, Replacement, or Removal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any project that disturbs any amount of soil within 50 feet of any waters of the state, or 2. Any project that cumulatively results in over 0.50 acre of <i>soil disturbance</i> in locations with slopes equal to or greater than 30% and soils having erodibility K factor equal to or greater than 0.2. 	Any project that will not result in a discharge of dredge or fill materials to waters of the state.
Pole/Tower Repairs Substation Maintenance Structural Conversion Overhead Line Reconductoring Undergrounding Powerlines Boardwalk Repairs or Replacement	Any project that disturbs any amount of soil within 50 feet of any waters of the state.	Any project that will not result in a discharge of dredge or fill materials to waters of the state.
Dredge or fill discharges	Any project that includes any discharge of dredge or fill material to waters of the state.	<i>Project activities</i> that are limited to the discharge of dredge or fill materials described in Clean Water Act Section 404(f)(1)(B).