



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 10-1R290 VALLEY SPRINGS SR-26 EMERGENCY CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT - RGP 8 (WDID#5B05CR00111), CALAVERAS COUNTY

On 8 March 2023, California Department of Transportation (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 9 October 2018 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (General Certification Order) for the 10-1R290 Valley Springs SR-26 Emergency Culvert Replacement Project - RGP 8 (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity took place in 0.011 acre/59 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection Activities, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage and is enclosed.

The Project was conducted in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated

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8 March 2023, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 0.21-acre Project consisted of replacing existing culverts that failed along State Route (SR) 26 at four locations. On January 16, 2023, a high intensity rainstorm passed through Valley Springs in Calaveras County and excessive runoff from the watershed overwhelmed four culvert systems. The excessive pressure in the culverts caused pipe joints to fail under the roadway.

Construction included the following activities:

- Removing all loose material from the damaged embankments and backfill with suitable material.
- Removing and replacing 4 damaged storm drain culverts.
- Placing permanent erosion control on all disturbed soil.
- Replacing the structural section.
- Placing rumble and traffic striping.
- Cleaning culverts prior to installation.

The Project permanently impacted 0.011 acre/59 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project was located on SR 26 at post mile 9.54 and 9.55 in Calaveras County.

Latitude: 37°56'15" N and Longitude: 120°56'41" W

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project started construction on 14 January 2023 and was completed on 6 February 2023.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,734.00 must be received in the office within 30 days of issuance of this Order.

The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), 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 Shawn Agarwal at (916) 464-4849 or Shawn.Agarwal@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:
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Enclosure: Water Quality Order No. 2018-0025-EXEC Clean Water Act Section 401
Water Quality Certification and Order

Attachments: Figure 1: Project Impacts Map

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Figure 1: Project Impacts Map



Impacts to Waters of the U.S. and State

Calaveras SR-26 Emergency Culvert Replacement (Loc 3 & 4)

Calaveras County, California
 Caltrans District 10 - CAL - SR 26
 EA:10-1R290
 PMs 9.54 & 9.55
 (38.181402, -120.828252)



Total Impacts to WOTUS/WOTS:

Inlet: 410sq ft, 0.009acres, 41 LF
 Outlet: 108sq ft, 0.002acres, 18 LF

Legend

-  Biological Study Area (0.21 acres)
-  Triple Barrel Culvert
-  Roadside Ditch
-  Unnamed Ephemeral Drainage
-  Rock Slope Protection (RSP)
-  Permanent Impacts



1 inch = 73 feet