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## 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, STATE ROUTE 120 TUOLUMNE DRAINAGE SYSTEM (SR 12) PROJECT (WDID# 5B05CR00115), TUOLUMNE AND CALAVERAS COUNTIES.**

On 18 October 2023, California Department of Transportation (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 1 August 2023 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2021 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order) for the State Route 120 Tuolumne Drainage System (SR 12) Project (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 will take place within less than 0.0014 acre/61 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #14 (Linear Transportation Projects), 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/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf)) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Order webpage and is enclosed.

The Project must proceed 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 1 August 2023, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The 0.113-acre State Route 120 Tuolumne Drainage System (SR 12) Project (Project) consists of 40 existing cross drainage culverts that primarily convey surface waters and stream flows across or away from the highway right of way and provide protection against flooding. Based on the corroded and damaged condition of existing culverts in the survey area, cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liners will be installed or replace existing deteriorated culverts with reinforced concrete pipes (RCP), and provide inlet/outlet end treatments at the 40 existing culverts. The applicant also proposes to install a new culvert at CAL-26-5.24 to prevent flooding of the highway. The Project will permanently impact 0.0006 acre/27 linear feet and temporarily impact 0.0008 acre/33 linear feet of waters of the United States.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Section 23, Township 4 N, Range 9 E, MDB&M

Latitude: 38°10'46.87" and Longitude: 120°57'34.71"

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is 1 April 2024 through 31 October 2024.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

An application fee of \$2,734.00 was received on 24 October 2023. 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 E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Sara Gevorgyan by phone at (916) 464-4710 or by email at [Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov).

*Original Signed by Anne Walters for:*  
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Enclosure: State Water Board Certification of the 2023 Nationwide Permits General Water Quality Certification and Order

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