



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVILS POSTPILE NATIONAL MONUMENT, ECOHYDROLOGY ASSESSMENT OF SODA SPRINGS MEADOW PROJECT (WDID#5B20CR00107), MADERA COUNTY

On 6 September 2019, Devils Postpile National Monument (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 17 March 2017 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2017 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order) for the Ecohydrology Assessment of Soda Springs Meadow 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 0.0001 acre of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #5 (Scientific Measurement Devices), 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nw_p_go.pdf) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nw_p_go.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Order webpage.

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 6 September 2019, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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:

To improve understanding of the surface and groundwater hydrology of Soda Springs Meadow and complete an ecological analysis of the site, a network of groundwater monitoring wells, a topographic survey, and acquiring high resolution imagery using an unmanned aerial system and the production of image and elevation products will be implemented.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.0001 acre of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Soda Springs Meadow, Latitude: 37.62864° and Longitude: -119.0855°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

27 September 2019 through 30 October 2019

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

Not required for federal project on federal land.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Debra Mahnke at (559) 445-6281 or Debra.Mahnke@waterboards.ca.gov.

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