
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, SYCAMORE CREEK EMERGENCY POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (WDID#5C15CR00142), KERN COUNTY

On 30 August 2023, Southern California Edison (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 of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (General Certification Order) for the Sycamore Creek Emergency Pole Replacement 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 took place in 0.0008 acres/4.5 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/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

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 30 August 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 1.2-acre Project consists of a pole replacement which was damaged due to flooding (recent tropical storm) of a nearby creek. The pole replacement occurred within the same hole set with the addition of a steel caisson. The previous pole did not have a steel caisson and this addition constituted a permanent impact within the confines of the water way. The caisson has a diameter of 30 inches and was buried at a depth of 7-10 feet. A total of 50 cubic feet of fill material was utilized within the waterway. Within the interior of the caisson, the space between the pole edge and interior edge of the caisson was filled with sand and gravel, pebbles, and a concrete slurry cap. The total temporary dig area utilized to install the pole was 3 feet by 10 feet. After the pole was set, native material was backfilled into the hole with a total dig area of approximately 71 cubic feet. The site was re-contoured to meet pre-existing conditions.

The Project permanently impacted 0.0001 acres/1.5 linear feet and temporarily impacted 0.0007 acres/3 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located off Caliente Creek Road in Kern County.

Section 20, Township 30 South, Range 33 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 35.303798 degrees North and Longitude: -118.459873 degrees West

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project started construction in late August 2023 and was completed on 3 September 2023.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,734.00 was received on 30 August 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 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 Ernesto P. Garcia at (559) 445-6281 or at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov.

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