



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY, FRIANT-KERN CANAL MIDDLE REACH CAPACITY CORRECTION PROJECT (WDID#5C54CR00105), TULARE COUNTY

On 19 August 2019, Friant Water Authority (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 Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Capacity Correction 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 0.028 acre/60 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 #6 (Survey 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](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 19 August 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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:

The Project consists of geotechnical investigations to evaluate existing subsurface soil and groundwater conditions for the future modifications to the Friant-Kern Canal. The bore locations at Deer Creek and White River (two bore locations) are part of a total of 145 bore locations along a 33-mile reach of the Friant-Kern Canal. The bores at Deer Creek and White River would be accomplished using a rubber-track-mounted drill rig. The auger would have a diameter of 8 inches. The borings would extend to a depth of approximately 50 feet below ground surface. Soil samples would be obtained from the auger borings for laboratory testing. Upon completion, the borings would be backfilled with the native soil drill cuttings.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.028 acre/60 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Deer Creek: Section: 31 Township: 22 South Range: 27 East
Latitude: 35.977850° and Longitude: -119.106454°

White River: Section: 15 Township: 24 South Range: 26 East
Latitude: 35.843587° and Longitude: - 119.160797°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

11 September 2019 through 31 December 2019

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$ 1,638 was received on 20 August 2019.

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 Debra Mahnke at (559) 445-6281 or Debra.Mahnke@waterboards.ca.gov.

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