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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AMENDED ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS FILE NO. SB12006GN FOR MAIDU SUMMIT CONSORTIUM, TASMAM KOYOM MEADOW RESTORATION PROJECT, PLUMAS COUNTY, WQID NO. 5A32CR00205**

On 13 May 2020, Maidu Summit Consortium (Applicant) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under the 27 March 2013 State Water Resources Control Board Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File No. SB12006GN (General Certification Order) for the Tasmam Koyom Meadow Restoration Project (Project). After review of the NOI 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 the General Certification Order.

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 is enclosed. The General Certification Order may also be accessed on the [State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water Act Section 401 – Certification and Wetlands Program Web Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders_wb.shtml) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders\\_wb.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders_wb.shtml))

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project, as described, is modified.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project will involve the installation of 40 hand-placed wooden structures in Yellow and Humbug Creeks. Structures will be built as beaver dam analogue structures and small wood jams using posts, willow branches and other site materials such as sod or gravel. Wooden posts and tools will be transported on the meadow by foot or by ATV.

Willow branches will be harvested from dense willow patches in the meadow and along the riparian areas using loppers. Wood will be harvested onsite and along the meadow perimeter, including conifers 5- to 12-inches diameter at breast height (DBH) to be used for hand-built wood jams and beaver dam analogues. The structures will be built in areas identified as depositional zones, and the objective of these structures will be to expand and accelerate existing channel depositional process. The impact of this will be to create more in channel complexity and reactivate more channel and wet meadow habitat throughout the floodplain.

### **Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State**

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition.

**Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts**

<b>Aquatic Resources Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Cubic Yards</b>	<b>Linear Feet</b>
Stream Channel	0.2	240	450

### **Project Location**

County: Plumas County  
Section 7, Township 26N, Range 7E;  
Section 35, Township 27N, Range 6E;  
Section 1, Township 26N, Range 6E  
Latitude: 40.142197 and Longitude: -121.261944

### **FINDINGS OF APPLICABILITY**

This letter serves as formal notice that Order No. SB12006GN is applicable to this channel and wetland meadow restoration project. Your waste discharge identification (WDID) number is 5A32CR00205.

### **REPORTING**

A Notice of Completion (NOC) shall be submitted by the applicant no later than 30 days after the work has been completed. The NOC shall demonstrate that the work has been carried out in accordance with the description provided in the applicant's Notice of Intent.

Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of Order No. SB12006GN may expose Maidu Summit Consortium to enforcement action pursuant to the Clean Water Act and California Water Code.

If you require further assistance, please contact me by phone at (530) 224-4848 or by email at [Jerred.Ferguson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jerred.Ferguson@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Lynn Coster, Senior Environmental Scientist of the Storm Water and Water Quality Certification Unit, by phone at (530) 224-2437 or by email at [Lynn.Coster@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Lynn.Coster@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Enclosure: Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File No. SB12006GN (Applicant Only)

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