



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, NORRIS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, (WDID# 5B20CR00128), MADERA COUNTY

On 29 March 2023, Federal Highway Administration (Permittee) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 12 October 2021 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permits (Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ) for the Norris Creek Bridge Replacement (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Permittee, 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 0.026 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 3a, Maintenance, 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) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders 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 29 March 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 0.50 acre Project consists of replacing the bridge over Norris Creek along Forest Route 05S07. The existing bridge was destroyed in a wildfire and needs to be replaced. The road approaches for about 100 feet east and west of the new bridge will be widened to 24 feet and paved. The existing timber abutments will be removed. New abutments and wingwalls will be installed behind the original abutment locations and about 15 to 20 feet away from the active water channel. Riprap will be installed in front of the new abutments.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include removal of existing bridge debris, installation of new bridge piers, and placement of rock slope protection on the new bridge abutments. The Project will temporarily impact 0.02 acre and permanently impact 0.006 acre of stream channel. Temporarily impacted areas shall be restored to pre-Project condition.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at the Norris Creek bridge crossing along Forest Route 05S07 in Madera County. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 37.51149 degrees North and longitude -119.31151 degrees West.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Construction of the project is expected to commence in May 2023 and last until November 2023, weather permitting.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

Federal dischargers involved in Dredge and Fill Operations only are not subject to permit fees as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

ADDITIONAL CONDITION:

Annual Reporting: The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year on the 1st day of the month, one year after the effective date of this Notice of Applicability. Annual reporting shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee.

The Annual Report shall include the information specified in Attachment B, Part A of Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ. The Permittee shall submit the report in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ and email it to centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov with a cc to Brandon Salazar at brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov. The WDID No. for this Project is 5B20CR00128.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Brandon Salazar at (559) 445-6287 or at brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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