

**DREDGE AND FILL FEE CALCULATOR** <sup>1</sup> v14b 09/18/2014

This fee schedule is based on California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 2200(a)(3). **TO CALCULATE FEE:** Enter the "Discharge Size" in Section A or, if the project qualifies, check the checkbox in Section B according to the applicable Flat Fee category. If the project involves multiple discharges, then both Section A and Section B fee charges may apply. The project fee owed will appear in the "Total Fee For All Categories" box at the bottom of the Fee Calculator. Discharges to waters of the state from both temporary and permanent project impacts are subject to fees. In any case, dredge and fill operation fees shall not exceed \$90,000 for Fill and Excavation Applications and \$90,000 for Dredging Annual Active Discharge Fee.

**Single Project Including Multiple Discharges**

**A. FEES BASED ON DISCHARGE SIZE**

FEE CATEGORY		RATE	DISCHARGE SIZE		APPLICATION FEE <sup>2</sup>	ANNUAL ACTIVE DISCHARGE FEE <sup>3</sup>	ANNUAL POST DISCHARGE MONITORING FEE <sup>4</sup>
(A)	<b>Fill &amp; Excavation<sup>5</sup> Discharges.</b> Discharges will be assessed as the higher fee of "discharge length in feet" and "discharge area in acres". Discharge length shall be reported in Linear Feet. Includes linear discharges to drainage features and shorelines. The size of the discharge area shall be rounded to two decimal places (0.01 acre = 436 square feet).	Discharge Length Feet x \$13.50	290	\$3,915	\$3,915	\$600	\$300
		Discharge Area Acres x \$5,670	0.24	\$1,361			
(B)	<b>Dredging Discharges (except Sand Mining-see (C) below)<sup>6</sup></b> Dredge volume expressed in Cubic Yards.	Dredge Volume CY x \$0.21	6000		\$600	\$1,260	\$300
Application Fee/Annual Active and Post Discharge Monitoring Fee: <sup>(6b)</sup>					Categories (A) and (B)		
					\$4,515	\$1,260	\$300

**B. FEES BASED ON FLAT FEE CATEGORIES**

(C)	<b>Sand Mining Dredging Discharges.</b> Aggregate extraction in marine waters where the source material is free of pollutants and the dredging operation will not violate any Basin Plan Provisions.	Flat fee	Check if Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	\$0	\$0
(D)	<b>Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects</b> Projects undertaken for the sole purpose of restoring or enhancing the beneficial uses of water. This schedule does not apply to projects required under a regulatory mandate or to projects that are not primarily intended for ecological restoration or enhancement, e.g., land development.	Flat fee	Check if Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	\$0	\$0
(E)	<b>Low Impact Discharges.</b> Projects may be classified as low impact discharges if they meet the following criteria: 1. The discharge size is less than all of the following: (a) for fill, 0.1 acre, and 200 linear feet; and (b) for dredging, 25 cubic yards. 2. The discharger demonstrates that: (a) all practicable measures will be taken to avoid impacts; (b) where unavoidable temporary impacts take place, waters and vegetation will be restored to pre-project conditions as quickly as practicable; and (c) where unavoidable permanent impacts take place, there will be no net loss of wetland, riparian area, or headwater functions, including onsite habitat, habitat connectivity, floodwater retention, and pollutant removal. 3. The discharge will not do any of the following: (a) directly or indirectly destabilize a bed of a receiving water; (b) contribute to significant cumulative effects; (c) cause pollution, contamination, or nuisance; (d) adversely affect candidate, threatened, or endangered species; (e) degrade water quality or beneficial uses; (f) be toxic; or (g) include "hazardous" or "designated" material.	Flat fee	Check if Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	N/A	N/A
(F)	<b>General Orders For CEQA Exempt Projects</b> Projects which are CEQA exempt and which are required to submit notification of a proposed discharge to the State and/or Regional Board pursuant to: (1) a general order authorizing impacts for the qualifying project CEQA exemption (e.g. Small Habitat Restoration General Permit); or (2) a general water quality certification permitting discharges authorized by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers general permit (e.g., nationwide permit). Applies ONLY if a general order or general water quality certification was previously granted.	Flat Fee	Check if Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	N/A	N/A
(G)	<b>Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order</b>	Flat Fee	Check if Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	N/A	N/A
Flat Fee:					Categories (C) to (G)		
					\$0	\$0	\$0

**C. FEES BASED ON AMENDED ORDERS**

<b>Amended Orders.</b> Amendments of WDR's or water quality certifications previously issued for one-time discharges not subject to annual billings. Fees charged as follows:						
(i) Minor project changes, not requiring technical analysis and involving only minimal processing time.	<b>No fee required</b>					
(ii) Changes to projects eligible for flat fees (fee categories C and D. above) where technical analysis is needed to assure continuing eligibility for flat fee and that beneficial uses are still protected.	<b>Flat fee</b>	Check if Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0		
(iii) Project changes not involving an increased discharge amount, but requiring some technical analysis to assure that beneficial uses are still protected and that original conditions are still valid, or need to be modified	<b>Flat fee</b>	Check if Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0		
(iv) Project changes involving an increased discharge amount and requiring some technical analysis to assure that beneficial uses are still protected and that original conditions are still valid, or need to be modified.	<b>Additional fee assessed per increased amount of discharge(s) Complete Section A and B</b>	Check if Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0		
(v) Major project changes requiring an essentially new analysis and re-issuance of WDR's or water quality certification.	<b>New fee assessed</b>					
<b>Fees Based on Amended Orders</b>		<b>Amended Orders (i) to (v)</b>			\$0	\$0

<b>TOTAL FEE FOR ALL CATEGORIES</b>				<b>\$4,515</b>	<b>\$1,260</b>	<b>\$300</b>
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1(a) For "excavation" the area of the discharge is the area of excavation; if the excavated material is then discharged to waters, an additional "fill" fee will be assessed.

1(b) When a single project includes multiple discharges within a single dredge and fill fee category, the fee for that category shall be assessed based on the total area, volume, or length of discharge (as applicable) of the multiple discharges. When a single project includes discharges that are assessed under multiple standard fee categories, the total application fee shall be the sum of the application fees assessed under each applicable fee category; however only a single annual active discharge fee or annual post-discharge monitoring fee, if required, shall be assessed for the project. The single annual active discharge fee and the single annual post-discharge monitoring fee for the project shall be based on the higher of the applicable fee categories. Single projects qualifying for a flat fee or amended order fee shall only be assessed the applicable flat fee or amended order fee.

1(c) Fees shall be based on the largest discharge size specified in the original or revised report of waste discharge or Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 water quality certification application, or as reduced by the applicant without any State Board or Regional Board intervention.

1(d) If water quality certification is issued in conjunction with dredge or fill WDRs or is issued for a discharge regulated under such preexisting WDRs, the current annual WDR fee as derived from this dredge and fill fee schedule shall be paid in advance during the application for water quality certification, and shall comprise the fee for water quality certification.

1(e) Discharges requiring water quality certification and regulated under a federal permit or license other than a US Army Corps of Engineers CWA Section 404 permit or a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission License shall be assessed a fee determined from CCR 23, Section 2200(a).

2 Dischargers shall pay a one-time application fee for each project at the time that the application or report of waste discharge is submitted. Notwithstanding section 2200.2, if discharges commence in a fiscal year other than the fiscal year in which the application or report of waste discharge is submitted, the application fee is in addition to the first annual active discharge fee for the project. If discharges commence in the same fiscal year as the application or report of waste discharge is submitted, the discharger shall pay only the greater of the application fee or the first annual active discharge fee. The application fee for category (A) fill and excavation discharges will be based on the discharger's estimate of project length and area. If, upon completion, the actual length or area is larger than the estimate, the discharger may receive an additional application fee invoice that is based on the actual project length and area, minus the application fee that was previously paid.

3 Dischargers shall pay an annual active discharge fee each fiscal year or portion of a fiscal year during which discharges occur until the regional board or the State Board issues a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter to the discharger. The annual active discharge fee for category (B) dredging discharges will be invoiced after the annual dredge volume has been determined.

4 Dischargers shall pay an annual post-discharge monitoring fee each fiscal year or portion of a fiscal year commencing with the first fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the regional board or State Board issued a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter to the discharger, but continued water quality monitoring or compensatory mitigation monitoring is required. Dischargers shall pay the annual post-discharge monitoring fee each fiscal year until the regional board or the State Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the discharger.

5 "Excavation" refers to removing sediment or soil in shallow waters or under no-flow conditions where impacts to beneficial uses are best described by the area of the discharge. It typically is done for purposes other than navigation. Examples include trenching for utility lines, other earthwork preliminary to discharge, removing sediment to increase channel capacity, and other flood control and drainage maintenance activities (e.g., debris removal, vegetation management and removal, detention basin maintenance and erosion control of slopes along open channels and other drainage facilities).

6 "Dredging" generally refers to removing sediment in deeper water to increase depth. The impacts to beneficial uses are best described by the volume of the discharge and typically occur to facilitate navigation. For fee purposes it also includes aggregate extraction within stream channels where the substrate is composed of coarse sediment (e.g., gravel) and is reshaped by normal winter flows (e.g., point bars), where natural flood disturbance precludes establishment of significant riparian vegetation, and where extraction timing, location and volume will not cause changes in channel structure (except as required by regulatory agencies for habitat improvement) or impair the ability of the channel to support beneficial uses.