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CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, UPPER BUTTE BASIN WILDLIFE AREA, LLANO SECO UNIT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (WDID No. 5A04CR00260), LLANO SECO, BUTTE COUNTY

This Order responds to the 29 August 2016 application submitted by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (Applicant) for the Water Quality Certification of an Agriculture, Ranch, Forestry, & Fish and Wildlife Harvesting project permanently impacting 0.08 acre/45 linear feet and temporarily impacting 0.15 acre/110 linear feet of waters of the United States.

This Order serves as certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Nationwide Permit# 27 & 33 (SPK 2016-00485) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and a Waste Discharge Requirement under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION STANDARD CONDITIONS:

1. This Order serves as a Water Quality Certification (Certification) action that is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Section 13330 of the California Water Code and Section 3867 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).
2. This certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any discharge from any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Section 3855(b) of the California Code of Regulations, and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. The validity of any non-denial certification action shall be conditioned upon total payment of the full fee required under Section 3833 of the California Code of Regulations.

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4. This Certification is no longer valid if the project (as described) is modified, or coverage under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act has expired.
5. All reports, notices, or other documents required by this Certification or requested by the Central Valley Water Board shall be signed by a person described below or by a duly authorized representative of that person.
 - a. For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer such as (1) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function; (2) any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation; or (3) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities if *authority* to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.
 - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor.
 - c. For a municipality, State, federal, or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
6. Any person signing a document under Standard Condition No. 5 shall make the following certification, whether written or implied:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS:

In addition to the above standard conditions, the Applicant shall satisfy the following:

1. The Applicant shall notify the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) in writing at least **seven (7) days** in advance of the start of any work within waters of the United States. The notification shall include the name of the project and the WDID number, and shall be sent to the Central Valley Water Board Contact indicated in this Certification.
2. Except for activities permitted by the U.S. Army Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, soil, silt, or other organic materials shall not be placed where such materials could pass into surface water or surface water drainage courses.
3. The Applicant shall maintain a copy of this Certification and supporting documentation (Project Information Sheet) at the Project site during construction for review by site personnel and agencies. All personnel (employees, contractors, and subcontractors)

performing work on the proposed Project shall be adequately informed and trained regarding the conditions of this Certification.

4. The Applicant shall perform surface water sampling:
 - a) when performing any in-water work;
 - b) in the event that project activities result in any materials reaching surface waters; or
 - c) when any activities result in the creation of a visible plume in surface waters.

The monitoring requirements in Table 1 shall be conducted upstream out of the influence of the Project, and approximately 300 feet downstream of the work area. The sampling frequency may be modified for certain projects with written approval from Central Valley Water Board staff.

Table 1:

Parameter	Unit	Type of Sample	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Turbidity	NTU	Grab ⁽¹⁾	Every 4 hours during in-water work	(2,4)
Settleable Material	mL/L	Grab ⁽¹⁾	Every 4 hours during in-water work	(2)
Visible construction related pollutants ⁽³⁾	Observations	Visual Inspections	Continuous throughout the construction period	—

⁽¹⁾ Grab samples shall be taken at mid-depth and be collected at the same time each day to get a complete representation of variations in the receiving water.

⁽²⁾ Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136; where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, the method shall be approved by Central Valley Water Board staff.

⁽³⁾ Visible construction-related pollutants include oil, grease, foam, fuel, petroleum products, and construction-related, excavated, organic or earthen materials.

⁽⁴⁾ A hand-held field meter may be used, provided that the meter utilizes a USEPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Certification shall be maintained at the Project site.

As appropriate, surface water monitoring shall occur at mid-depth. A surface water monitoring report shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board Contact indicated in this Certification within two weeks of initiation of sampling and every two weeks thereafter. In reporting the monitoring data, the Applicant shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the sampling locations, date, constituents, and concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to illustrate clearly whether the Project complies with Certification requirements. The report shall include surface water sampling results, visual observations, and identification of the turbidity increase in the receiving water applicable to the natural turbidity conditions specified in the turbidity criteria below.

If no monitoring is conducted, the Applicant shall submit a written statement to the Central Valley Water Board Contact indicated in the Certification stating, "No monitoring was required," with the Notice of Completion.

5. The Central Valley Water Board adopted a *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River Basin and the San Joaquin River Basin, Fourth Edition, revised April 2016* (Basin Plan) that designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve those objectives for all waters addressed through the plan. Turbidity and settleable matter limits are based on water quality objectives contained in the Basin Plan and are part of this Certification as follows:

- a) Activities shall not cause turbidity increases in surface water to exceed:
- i. where natural turbidity is less than 1 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs), controllable factors shall not cause downstream turbidity to exceed 2 NTU;
 - ii. where natural turbidity is between 1 and 5 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 1 NTU;
 - iii. where natural turbidity is between 5 and 50 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 20 percent;
 - iv. where natural turbidity is between 50 and 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 NTUs;
 - v. where natural turbidity is greater than 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 percent.

Except that these limits will be eased during in-water working periods to allow a turbidity increase of 15 NTUs over background turbidity. In determining compliance with the above limits, appropriate averaging periods may be applied provided that beneficial uses will be fully protected. Averaging periods may only be used with prior approval of the Central Valley Water Board staff.

- b) Activities shall not cause settleable matter to exceed 0.1 mL/L in surface waters as measured in surface waters within approximately 300 feet downstream of the Project.
6. The Applicant shall notify the Central Valley Water Board immediately if the above criteria for turbidity, settleable matter, or other water quality objectives are exceeded.
7. In-water work shall occur during periods of low flow and no precipitation.
8. Activities shall not cause visible oil, grease, or foam in the receiving water.
9. Refueling of equipment within the floodplain or within 300 feet of the waterway is prohibited. If critical equipment must be refueled within 300 feet of the waterway, spill prevention and countermeasures must be implemented to avoid spills. Refueling areas shall be provided with secondary containment including drip pans and/or placement of absorbent material. No hazardous materials, pesticides, fuels, lubricants, oils, hydraulic fluids, or other construction-

related potentially hazardous substances should be stored within a floodplain or within 300 feet of a waterway. The Applicant must perform frequent inspections of construction equipment prior to utilizing it near surface waters to ensure leaks from the equipment are not occurring and are not a threat to water quality.

10. The Applicant shall develop and maintain onsite a project-specific Spill Prevention, Containment and Cleanup Plan outlining the practices to prevent, minimize, and/or clean up potential spills during construction of the Project. The Plan must detail the Project elements, construction equipment types and location, access and staging and construction sequence. The Plan must also address the potential of responding to a spill or prevention of spills occurring within the Project site.
11. The discharge of petroleum products, any construction materials, hazardous materials, pesticides, fuels, lubricants, oils, hydraulic fluids, raw cement, concrete, asphalt, paint, coating material, drilling fluids, or other construction-related potentially hazardous substances to surface water and/or soil is prohibited. In the event of a prohibited discharge, the Applicant shall notify the Central Valley Water Board Contact within 24-hours of the discharge.
12. A method of containment must be used below the bridge(s), boardwalk(s), or temporary crossing(s) to prevent debris from falling into the water body as feasible.
13. An effective combination of erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices (BMPs) shall be implemented and adequately working during all phases of construction.
14. All areas disturbed by Project activities shall be protected from washout or erosion.
15. All temporarily affected areas shall be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities.
16. This Certification does not allow permanent water diversion of flow from the receiving water. This Certification is invalid if any water is permanently diverted as a part of the Project.
17. If temporary surface water diversions and/or dewatering are anticipated, the Applicant shall develop and maintain on-site a Surface Water Diversion and/or Dewatering Plan(s). The Plan(s) shall include the proposed method and duration of diversion activities. The Surface Water Diversion and/or Dewatering Plan(s) must be consistent with this Certification.
18. When work in a flowing stream is unavoidable and any dam or other artificial obstruction is being constructed, maintained, or placed in operation, sufficient water shall at all times be allowed to pass downstream, to maintain beneficial uses of waters of the State below the dam. Construction, dewatering, and removal of temporary cofferdams shall not violate Technical Certification Condition 5 of this Certification.

19. Any temporary dam or other artificial obstruction constructed shall only be built from clean materials such as sandbags, gravel bags, water dams, or clean/washed gravel, or other materials using suitable methods, which will cause little or no siltation. Stream flow shall be temporarily diverted using gravity flow through temporary culverts/pipes or pumped around the work site with the use of hoses.
20. The discharge of petroleum products or other excavated materials to surface water is prohibited. Activities shall not cause visible oil, grease, or foam in the receiving water. The Applicant shall notify the Central Valley Water Board as soon as practicable of any spill of petroleum products or other organic or earthen materials with written follow up within 5 days.
21. The Applicant shall comply with all California Department of Fish and Wildlife requirements, including but not limited to those requirements described in Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2016-0196-R2.
22. The Applicant shall obtain coverage under a NPDES permit for dewatering activities that result in discharges into surface water and/or shall obtain Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for dewatering activities that result in discharges to land from the Central Valley Water Board.
23. The Conditions in this water quality certification are based on the information contained in the Applicant's application and in the attached "Project Information Sheet." If the Project, as described in the application and the attached Project Information Sheet, is modified or changed, this Certification is no longer valid until amended by the Central Valley Water Board.
24. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Order, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process or sanctions as provided for under applicable State or federal law. For the purposes of section 401(d) of the Clean Water Act, the applicability of any State law authorizing remedies, penalties, process or sanctions constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Order.
 - a) If the Applicant or a duly authorized representative of the project fails or refuses to furnish technical or monitoring reports, as required under this Order, or falsifies any information provided in the monitoring reports, the applicant is subject to civil monetary liabilities, for each day of violation, or criminal liability.
 - b) In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this certification, Central Valley Water Board may require the holder of any federal permit or license subject to this certification to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Central Valley Water Board deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports (Water Code, Section 1051,

13165, 13267 and 13383). In response to any violation of the conditions of this certification, the Central Valley Water Board may add to or modify the conditions of this certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.

- c) The Applicant shall allow the staff of the Central Valley Water Board, or an authorized representative(s), upon the presentation of credentials and other documents, as may be required by law, to enter the Project premises for inspection, including taking photographs and securing copies of Project-related records, for the purpose of assuring compliance with this Certification and determining the ecological success of the Project.

NOTIFICATIONS AND REPORTS:

25. The Applicant shall notify the Central Valley Water Board within 7 days of the project completion.
26. The Applicant shall provide the Central Valley Water Board Contact indicated in this Certification a Notice of Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after the Project completion. The NOC shall demonstrate that the project has been carried out in accordance with the project description in the Certification and in any amendments approved. The NOC shall include a map of the project location(s), including final boundaries of any on-site restoration area(s), if appropriate, and representative pre and post construction photographs. Each photograph shall include a descriptive title, date taken, photographic site, and photographic orientation
27. The Applicant shall submit all notifications, submissions, materials, data, correspondence, and reports in a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF). Documents less than 50 MB must be emailed to: centralvalleyredding@waterboards.ca.gov. In the subject line of the email, include the Central Valley Water Board Contact, Project name, and WDID number as shown in the subject line above. Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a disk and mailed to the Central Valley Water Board Contact.

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CONTACT PERSON:

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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:


I hereby issue an Order certifying that any discharge from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area Enhancement Project (WDID No. 5A04CR00260) will comply with the applicable provisions of Section 301 ("Effluent Limitations"), Section 302

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("Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations"), Section 303 ("Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans"), Section 306 ("National Standards of Performance"), and Section 307 ("Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards") of the Clean Water Act. This discharge is also regulated under State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ "Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements For Dredged Or Fill Discharges That Have Received State Water Quality Certification (General WDRs)."

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Certification actions are contingent on (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in compliance with conditions of this Certification, the Applicant's application package, and the attached Project Information Sheet, and (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River Basin and the San Joaquin River Basin, Fourth Edition, revised April 2016* (Basin Plan).

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Quality Control Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code Section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, Section 2050 and following. The State Water Quality Control Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this action, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Quality Control Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality or will be provided upon request.


(for) Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer

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Enclosure: Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Application Date: 29 August 2016

Application Deemed Complete: 8 September 2016

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Project Name: Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area Enhancement Project

Application Number: WDID No. 5A04CR00260

U.S. Army Corps File Number: SPK-2016-00485

Type of Project: Agriculture, Ranch, Forestry, & Fish and Wildlife Harvesting Project

Project Location: Section 31, Township 20 North, Range 1 East
Latitude: 39°32'55" and Longitude: -121°54'41"

County: Butte County

Receiving Water(s) (hydrologic unit): Unnamed tributary to Little Butte Creek, which is tributary to Sacramento River. Colusa Basin Hydrologic Unit-Butte Basin Hydrologic Area No. 520.40

Water Body Type: Streambed

Designated Beneficial Uses: The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River Basin and the San Joaquin River Basin, Fourth Edition, revised April 2016* (Basin Plan) has designated beneficial uses for surface and ground waters within the region. Beneficial uses that could be impacted by the project include, but are not limited to: Municipal and Domestic Water Supply (MUN); Agricultural Supply (AGR); Industrial Supply (IND); Hydropower Generation (POW); Groundwater Recharge (GWR); Water Contact Recreation (REC-1); Non-Contact Water Recreation (REC-2); Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM); Cold Freshwater Habitat (COLD); Preservation of Biological Habitats of Special Significance (BIOL); Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE); Migration of Aquatic Organisms (MIGR); Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development (SPWN); and Wildlife Habitat (WILD). A comprehensive and specific list of the beneficial uses applicable for the project area can be found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/index.shtml.

303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments: An unnamed tributary to Little Butte Creek is the receiving water for the project. The unnamed tributary to Little Butte Creek is not listed on the 303(d) list. This project does not impact an already impaired water body. The most recent list of approved water quality limited segments is found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/integrated2010.shtml

Project Description (purpose/goal): The Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area Enhancement Project is located 7.3 miles northeast of Butte City on the Llano Seco Unit of the Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area. The project consists of improving water use efficiency and management capabilities. Specifically, it will provide the water control infrastructure necessary to capture irrigation runoff from agricultural lands and wetlands on Llano Seco Ranch (LSR) for reuse to support seasonally managed wetlands and riparian habitat on Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (UBBWA) Llano Seco Unit. The proposed project will create a 0.02-acre net increase in waters of the United States.

An existing earthen structure will be replaced with a hardened spillway and water control structure. Existing vegetation will be stripped from the proposed spillway footprint. Soil to build the spillway will be borrowed from nearby locations to the northeast and southeast of the spillway. A water control structure will be installed in the spillway to provide improved water management capabilities. This structure will allow management flexibility to reuse agricultural runoff water and allow natural flows downstream during storm events and outside of the irrigation season. Rock rip rap will be placed around the water control structure outfall. Articulated concrete block mats or rock rip rap will be installed on the spillway to provide erosion protection. An overflow section was incorporated into the spillway design to account for flood water overtopping.

The spillway will be approximately 140 feet long with a bottom width of 80 feet. The upstream side slope will be approximately 5:1 and the downstream side slope will be approximately 10:1. This construction will disturb approximately 0.08 acres of wetlands/waters. Approximately 500 cubic yards of soil, gravel, rip-rap and concrete block mats will be placed on the structure to prevent scouring and erosion. This will provide a benefit to water quality in the system.

Two temporary coffer dams will be constructed; one upstream and one downstream of the proposed spillway location. Both temporary coffer dams will be removed after construction of the spillway is completed. The temporary upstream coffer dam will temporarily disturb 0.05 acres of wetlands/waters. It will be 110 feet long and require approximately 264 cubic yards of material. The temporary downstream coffer dam will temporarily disturb 0.03 acres of wetlands/waters. It will be 75 feet long and require approximately 130 cubic yards of material. Both coffer dams will be removed once construction of the spillway is complete. The material used to construct the coffer dams will be spread back into the areas from which it was excavated.

The material required to construct the spillway and the coffer dams will be excavated from nearby borrow areas. The vegetative cover will be stripped from the borrow areas and placed in a pile. This material will be spread over the cut area after construction is complete. An average of 0.6 feet, with a range of 0.3 to 0.9 feet, will be cut off the top of both borrow areas. Both borrow areas are located in fallow agricultural fields that were disturbed in the past by agricultural operations and consist of upland habitats. Project activities will not reach below or beyond the limits of prior land disturbance.

Additional material required to construct the spillway and the coffer dams will be excavated from a previous filled area abutting the creek. This area has failed in the past and hence was rebuilt several times. This area will be lowered approximately 6.9 feet to connect the elevation of the existing channels, requiring the removal of approximately 800 cubic yards of material. This area is located within the proposed project footprint and was disturbed in the past by agricultural operations and maintenance. Restoration of this area will provide added connectivity to the existing section of stream and will result in an addition of 0.02 acres of waters of the U.S. The project will permanently impact 0.08 acre/45 linear feet and temporarily impact 0.15 acre/110 linear feet.

Preliminary Water Quality Concerns: Construction activities including soil disturbance, excavation, cutting/filling, and grading activities could result in increased erosion and sedimentation and may impact surface waters with increased turbidity, settleable matter temperature, pH and dissolved oxygen.

Proposed Mitigation to Address Concerns: The Applicant will implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control sedimentation and erosion. All temporary affected areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities. The Applicant will conduct turbidity, settleable matter temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen testing during in-water work, stopping work if Basin Plan criteria are exceeded or are observed.

Fill/Excavation Area: Approximately 0.23 acre of native soil or other type of material will be excavated into 15.5 acres of waters of the United States. Approximately 895 cubic yards of clean soil or other type of material will be placed into 15.5 acres of waters of the United States.

Dredge Volume: Not Applicable

California Integrated Water Quality System Impact Data: The Project will permanently impact 0.08 acre/45 linear feet of stream bed from fill and excavation activities.

Table 1: Impacts from Fill and Excavation Activities

Aquatic Resource Type	Temporary			Permanent					
				Physical Loss of Area			Degradation of Ecological Condition Only		
	Acres	Cubic-yards	Linear-feet	Acres	Cubic-yards	Linear-feet	Acres	Cubic-yards	Linear-feet
Stream Channel	0.15	--	110	--	--	--	0.08	895	45

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit Number: SPK-2016-00485

United States Army Corps of Engineers Permit Type: Nationwide Permit 27 (Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities) & 33 (Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering)

Department of Fish and Wildlife Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement: The Applicant applied for a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement in June 2016. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement Number 1600-2016-0196-R2

Possible Listed Species: Federally-threatened Valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*), and Giant Garter Snake (GGS; *Thamnophis gigas*).

Status of CEQA Compliance: The California Department of Fish & Wildlife approved a Negative Declaration on 12 March 2016, stating the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of approval. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project. (SCH No. 2009112006).

Compensatory Mitigation: The Central Valley Water Board is not requesting compensatory mitigation for the Project.

Application Fee Provided: An application fee of \$200.00 was submitted on 29 August 2016. A total fee of \$200.00 has been submitted to the Central Valley Water Board as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.