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### **CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER FOR THE LITTLE DEER CREEK RESTORATION AND FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT, NEVADA COUNTY (WDID#5A29CR00107)**

Enclosed please find a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Order, authorized by Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer, Pamela C. Creedon. This Order is issued to City of Nevada City for Little Deer Creek Restoration and Flood Mitigation Project (Project). Attachments A through F of the Enclosure are also part of the Order.

This Order is issued in response to an application submitted by City of Nevada City for proposed Project discharge to waters of the state, to ensure that the water quality standards for all waters of the state impacted by the Project are met. You may proceed with your Project according to the terms and conditions of the enclosed Order.

Please review your Order carefully to ensure that you understand all aspects of the Order. Note that this Order requires reporting and notification. Requirements for the content of the reporting and notification requirements are detailed in Attachment F, including specifications for photo and map documentation during the Project. Written reports and notifications must be submitted using the Reporting and Notification Cover Sheet located in Attachment F, which must be signed by the Permittee or an authorized representative.

These reports, notifications, and other submissions must be submitted in a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF). Documents less than 50 MB must be emailed to: [centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov). In the subject line of the email, include the Central Valley Water Board Contact, Project name, and WDID. Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a disk and mailed to the Central Valley Water Board Contact.

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CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER

Effective Date: 8 September 2017

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Project Type: Ecological Aquatic/Stream/Habitat Restoration

Project: Little Deer Creek Restoration and Flood Mitigation Project (Project)

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**I. Order**

This Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 Water Quality Certification action and Order (Order) is issued at the request of City of Nevada City (herein after Permittee) for the Project. This Order is for the purpose described in application submitted by the Permittee. The application was received on 16 February 2017. The application was deemed complete on 7 April 2017.

**II. Public Notice**

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from 17 February 2017 to 10 March 2017. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

**III. Project Purpose**

The Project will restore a segment of Little Deer Creek and provide a more stable and natural condition as it moves through Pioneer Park in Nevada City.

**IV. Project Description**

The 3.6-acre Project will restore approximately 640 linear feet of Little Deer Creek; reduce flooding impacts to the adjacent land and general vicinity of Pioneer Park by widening the streambed and regrading the adjacent area; and construct a multiuse trail within the perimeter of Pioneer Park boundaries along Little Deer Creek.

**V. Project Location**

Address: Pioneer Park  
421 Nimrod Street  
Nevada City, California 95959

County: Nevada

Section 7, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, MDB&M.

Latitude: 39°15'36.4"N and Longitude: 121°00'37.8"W

Maps showing the Project location is found in Attachment A of this Order.

**VI. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information**

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition, revised April 2016 (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan for the region and other plans and policies may be accessed online at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans\\_policies/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/). The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This Order promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

Project impact and receiving waters information can be found in Attachment B. Table 1 of Attachment B shows the receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the state impacted by the Project. Individual impact location and quantity is shown in Table 2 of Attachment B.

**VII. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State**

The Project will permanently impact 0.093 acre of perennial stream and 0.04 acre of seasonal wetland associated with site stabilization and stream widening, rehabilitation, and enhancement. Prior to construction a temporary coffer dam will be installed upstream of the stream restoration area. Flow from Little Deer Creek will be pumped through piping around the restoration area. Activities associated with the Project will include the removal of approximately 30 cubic yards of existing concrete lining from the stream banks and approximately 450 cubic yards of soil from the containment berm and west streambank of Little Deer Creek. Following removal of concrete and soil, 300 cubic yards of clean river rock and rock slope protection will be placed in the streambed and along the streambank. Concrete removed from the streambank will be recycled off-site and excavated soil will be disposed at an off-site Class II landfill due to naturally occurring elevated arsenic concentrations.

Dewatering will occur within the Project area. No wet concrete will be placed into stream channel habitat.

Total Project dredge and 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									
Aquatic Resource Type	Temporary Impact <sup>1</sup>			Permanent Impact					
				Physical Loss of Area			Degradation of Ecological Condition		
	Acres	CY <sup>2</sup>	LF <sup>4</sup>	Acres	CY	LF	Acres	CY	LF
Stream Channel	-	-	-	0.093	780	850	-	-	-
Wetland	-	-	-	0.04	-	-	-	-	-

**VIII. Description of Indirect Impacts to Waters of the State – Not Applicable**

**IX. Avoidance and Minimization**

Several elements of the proposed activity have been designed to avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands. Disturbance of the existing streambed channel will be minimized with no excavation of the streambed. Excavation in adjacent areas would not extend deeper than the depth of the existing streambed, and would be limited to areas above the depth of first encountered groundwater. Proper erosion and sediment control BMPs will be in place during construction and post-construction. These BMPs will result in the avoidance or minimization of potential water quality impacts, preventing sedimentation or the accidental introduction of contaminants into Little Deer Creek. Prior to the stream restoration, a temporary coffer dam will be installed upstream of the proposed stream restoration area to further minimize the potential for downstream construction-related impacts to water quality. Flow from Little Deer Creek will be pumped around the restoration area through closed conduit piping.

<sup>1</sup> Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.

<sup>2</sup> Cubic Yards (CY); Linear Feet (LF)

**X. Compensatory Mitigation** – See sections XIV.J and XIV.K

**XI. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

On 11 January 2017, the City of Nevada City, as lead agency, adopted an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2016112034) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 13 January 2017. Pursuant to CEQA, the Central Valley Water Board has made Findings of Facts (Findings) which support the issuance of this Order and are included in Attachment C.

**XII. Petitions for Reconsideration**

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Resources Control Board to reconsider this Order in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867. A petition for reconsideration must be submitted in writing and received within 30 calendar days of the issuance of this Order.

**XIII. Fees Received**

An application fee deposit of \$200.00 was received on 16 February 2017.

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 D - Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

**XIV. Conditions**

The Central Valley Water Board has independently reviewed the record of the Project to analyze impacts to water quality and designated beneficial uses within the watershed of the Project. In accordance with this Order, the Permittee may proceed with the Project under the following terms and conditions:

**A. Authorization**

Impacts to waters of the state shall not exceed quantities shown in Table 1.

**B. Reporting and Notification Requirements**

The following section details the reporting and notification types and timing of submittals. Requirements for the content of these reporting and notification types are detailed in Attachment D, including specifications for photo and map documentation during the Project. Written reports and notifications must be submitted using the Reporting and Notification Cover Sheet located in Attachment D, which must be signed by the Permittee or an authorized representative.

The Permittee must 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: [centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov). In the subject line of the email, include the Central Valley Water Board Contact, Project name, and WDID. Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a disk and mailed to the Central Valley Water Board Contact.

## 1. Project Reporting

- a. Monthly Reporting:** The Permittee must submit a Monthly Report to the Central Valley Water Board on the 20th day of each month beginning the month after the submittal of the Commencement of Construction Notification. Monthly reporting shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee.

If no sampling is required, the Permittee shall submit a written statement stating, "No sampling was required" within two weeks of initiation of in-water construction, and every month thereafter.

- b. Annual Reporting:** The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year on the 1st day of October starting one year after the effective date of the Order. Annual reporting shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.

## 2. Project Status Notifications

- a. Commencement of Construction:** The Permittee shall submit a Commencement of Construction Report at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities

- b. Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter following completion of active Project construction activities, including any required restoration and permittee-responsible mitigation. This request shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities. Upon acceptance of the request, Central Valley Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee which will end the active discharge period and associated annual fees.

- c. Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter when construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete,<sup>3</sup> and no further Project activities will occur. This request shall be submitted to Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities. Upon approval of the request, the Central Valley Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee which will end the post discharge monitoring period and associated annual fees.

- 3. Conditional Notifications and Reports:** The following notifications and reports are required as appropriate.

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<sup>3</sup> Completion of post-construction monitoring shall be determined by Central Valley Water Board staff and shall be contingent on successful attainment of restoration and mitigation performance criteria.

**a. Accidental Discharges of Hazardous Materials<sup>4</sup>**

Following an accidental discharge of a reportable quantity of a hazardous material, sewage, or an unknown material, the following applies (Wat. Code, § 13271):

- i. As soon as (A) Permittee has knowledge of the discharge or noncompliance, (B) notification is possible, and (C) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures then:
  - first call – 911 (to notify local response agency)
  - then call – Office of Emergency Services (OES) State Warning Center at:(800) 852-7550 or (916) 845-8911
  - Lastly follow the required OES procedures as set forth in:  
[http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill\\_Booklet\\_Feb2014\\_FINAL\\_BW\\_Acc.pdf](http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill_Booklet_Feb2014_FINAL_BW_Acc.pdf)
- ii. Following notification to OES, the Permittee shall notify Central Valley Water Board, as soon as practicable (ideally within 24 hours). Notification may be delivered via written notice, email, or other verifiable means in accordance with section XIV.B.
- iii. Within five (5) working days of notification to the Central Valley Water Board, the Permittee must submit an Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report.

**b. Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards:** The Permittee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board of any event causing a violation of compliance with water quality standards. Notification may be delivered via written notice, email, or other verifiable means in accordance with section XIV.B.

- i. This notification must be followed within three (3) working days by submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report.

**c. In-Water Work and Diversions**

- i. The Permittee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in water or stream diversions. Notification may be delivered via written notice, email, or other verifiable means in accordance with section XIV.B.
- ii. Within three (3) working days following completion of work in water or stream diversions, an In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report must be submitted to Central Valley Water Board staff.

**d. Modifications to Project**

Project modifications may require an amendment of this Order. The Permittee shall give advance notice to Central Valley Water Board staff if Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority

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<sup>4</sup> "Hazardous material" means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. "Hazardous materials" include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, and any material that a handler or the administering agency has a reasonable basis for believing that it would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. (Health & Saf. Code, § 25501.)

by submitting a Modifications to Project Report. The Permittee shall inform Central Valley Water Board staff of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with this Order. Notification may be made in accordance with conditions in the certification deviation section of this Order.

- e. Transfer of Property Ownership:** This Order is not transferable in its entirety or in part to any person or organization except after notice to the Central Valley Water Board in accordance with the following terms:
  - i. The Permittee must notify the Central Valley Water Board of any change in ownership or interest in ownership of the Project area by submitting a Transfer of Property Ownership Report. The Permittee and purchaser must sign and date the notification and provide such notification to the Central Valley Water Board at least 10 days prior to the transfer of ownership.
  - ii. Until such time as this Order has been modified to name the purchaser as the permittee, the Permittee shall continue to be responsible for all requirements set forth in this Order.
- f. Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance:** If maintenance responsibility for post-construction BMPs is legally transferred, the Permittee must submit to the Central Valley Water Board a copy of such documentation and must provide the transferee with a copy of a long-term BMP maintenance plan that complies with manufacturer or designer specifications. The Permittee must provide such notification to the Central Valley Water Board with a Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report at least 10 days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.

### C. Water Quality Monitoring

- 1. General:** Continuous visual surface water monitoring shall be conducted during active construction periods to detect accidental discharge of construction related pollutants (e.g. oil and grease, turbidity plume, or uncured concrete). The Permittee shall perform surface water sampling<sup>5</sup>:
  - a. when performing any in-water work;
  - b. during the entire duration of temporary surface water diversions;
  - c. in the event that the Project activities result in any materials reaching surface waters; or
  - d. when any activities result in the creation of a visible plume in surface waters.
- 2. Accidental Discharges/Noncompliance:** Upon occurrence of an accidental discharge of hazardous materials or a violation of compliance with a water quality standard, Central Valley Water Board staff may require water quality monitoring based on the discharge constituents and/or related water quality objectives and beneficial uses.

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<sup>5</sup> Sampling is not required in wetlands, where the entire wetland is being permanently filled; provided there is no outflow connecting the wetland to surface waters.

**3. In-Water Work or Diversions:**

During planned in-water work or during the entire duration of temporary water diversions, any discharge(s) to waters of the state shall conform to the following water quality standards:

- a. Waters shall not contain oils, greases, waxes, or other materials in concentrations that cause nuisance, result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the water or on objects in the water, or otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.
- b. Activities shall not cause arsenic to exceed 150 ug/L in surface waters as measured in surface waters within the work area.
- c. 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.

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 permission of the Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer.

Sampling during in-water work or during the entire duration of temporary water diversions shall be conducted in accordance with Table 2 sampling parameters.<sup>6</sup> The sampling requirements in Table 2 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. A surface water monitoring report, as described in Attachment D, shall be submitted within two weeks on initiation of in-water construction, and with every monthly report thereafter. In reporting the data, the Permittee 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 Order requirements. The report shall include surface water sampling results, visual

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<sup>6</sup> 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. Grab samples shall be taken between the surface and mid-depth and not be collected at the same time each day to get a complete representation of variations in the receiving water. A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-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 shall be maintained onsite.

observations, and identification of the turbidity increase in the receiving water applicable to the natural turbidity conditions specified in the turbidity criteria in XIV.C.3.c.

Parameter	Unit of Measurement	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Visible Construction Related Pollutants	Observations	Visual	Continuous
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Every 4 hours

**D. Standard**

1. This Order is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Water Code section 13330, and California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapter 28, Article 6 commencing with sections 3867-3869, inclusive. Additionally, the Central Valley Water Board reserves the right to suspend, cancel, or modify and reissue this Order, after providing notice to the Permittee, if the Central Valley Water Board determines that: the Project fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order; or, when necessary to implement any new or revised water quality standards and implementation plans adopted or approved pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.) or federal Clean Water Act section 303 (33 U.S.C. § 1313). For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), the condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with water quality standards and appropriate requirements of state law.
2. This Order is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to 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 subsection 3855(b) of chapter 28, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, and that application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. This Order is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under title 23 of the California Code of Regulations and owed by the Permittee.
4. 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 state and federal law. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, processes, or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Order.

**E. General Compliance**

1. Failure to comply with any condition of this Order shall constitute a violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the Clean Water Act. The Permittee and/or discharger may then be subject to administrative and/or civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13385.
2. Permitted actions must not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standards, including impairment of designated beneficial uses for receiving waters as adopted in the Basin Plans by any applicable Central Valley Water Board or any applicable State

Water Board (collectively Water Boards) water quality control plan or policy. The source of any such discharge must be eliminated as soon as practicable.

3. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Order, the Central Valley Water Board may require the holder of this Order to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Water Boards deem 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. The additional monitoring requirements ensure that permitted discharges and activities comport with any applicable effluent limitations, water quality standards, and/or other appropriate requirement of state law.
4. The Permittee must, at all times, fully comply with engineering plans, specifications, and technical reports submitted to support this Order; and all subsequent submittals required as part of this Order. The conditions within this Order and Attachments supersede conflicting provisions within Permittee submittals.
5. This Order and all of its conditions contained herein continue to have full force and effect regardless of the expiration or revocation of any federal license or permit issued for the Project. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), this condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements of state law.
6. **Construction General Permit Requirement.** The Permittee shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, as amended, for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavation, and other land disturbance activities of one or more acres, or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres.

#### F. Administrative

1. Signatory requirements for all document submittals required by this Order are presented in Attachment E of this Order.
2. This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered or candidate species or any act, which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, §§ 2050-2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this Order held by the Permittee, the Permittee must obtain authorization for the take prior to any construction or operation of the portion of the Project that may result in a take. The Permittee is responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable endangered species act for the Project authorized under this Order.
3. The Permittee shall grant Central Valley Water Board staff, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a Water Board representative), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, permission to:
  - a. Enter upon the Project or compensatory mitigation site(s) premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept.



**5. Good Site Management “Housekeeping”**

- a. The Permittee 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 be made available to the Central Valley Water Board staff upon request.
- b. 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 Permittee 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.
- c. All materials resulting from the Project shall be removed from the site and disposed of properly.

**6. Hazardous Materials**

- a. The discharge of petroleum products, any construction materials, hazardous materials, pesticides, fuels, lubricants, oils, hydraulic fluids, raw cement, concrete or the washing thereof, asphalt, paint, coating material, drilling fluids, or other substances potentially hazardous to fish and wildlife resulting from or disturbed by project-related activities is prohibited and shall be prevented from contaminating the soil and/or entering waters of the state. In the event of a prohibited discharge, the Permittee shall comply with notification requirements in sections XIV.B.3.a and XIV.B.3.b.

**7. Invasive Species and Soil Borne Pathogens– Not Applicable****8. In-Water Work**

- a. Work in the streambed or wetland shall occur during periods of no precipitation and when the work area has been completely dewatered.

**9. Post-Construction Storm Water Management – Not Applicable****10. Roads– Not Applicable****11. Sediment Control**

- a. Except for activities permitted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, soil, silt, or other organic materials shall not be placed where such materials could pass into surface water or surface water drainage courses.
- b. Silt fencing, straw wattles, or other effective management practices must be used along the construction zone to minimize soil or sediment along the embankments from migrating into the waters of the state through the entire duration of the Project.

- c. The use of netting material (e.g., monofilament-based erosion blankets) that could trap aquatic dependent wildlife is prohibited within the Project area.

## **12. Special Status Species– Not Applicable**

## **13. Stabilization/Erosion Control**

- a. All areas disturbed by Project activities shall be protected from washout and erosion.
- b. Hydroseeding shall be performed with California native seed mix.

## **14. Storm Water**

- a. During the construction phase, the Permittee must employ strategies to minimize erosion and the introduction of pollutants into storm water runoff. These strategies must include the following:
  - i. The Permittee must comply with the Statewide Construction Storm Water Permit, including, but not limited to, preparation and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan; and
  - ii. An effective combination of erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices (BMPs) must be implemented and adequately working prior to the rainy season and during all phases of construction.

## **H. Site Specific – Not Applicable**

## **I. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) – Not Applicable**

## **J. Mitigation for Temporary Impacts – Not Applicable**

## **K. Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts<sup>7</sup>**

1. **Final Compensatory Mitigation Plan** The Permittee shall provide compensatory mitigation for impacts to waters of the state in accordance with the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (MMRP) and incorporated herein by reference. Any deviations from, or revisions to, the MMRP must be pre-approved by Central Valley Water Board staff. The monitoring period shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board staff determines that performance standards have been met. This may require the monitoring period to be extended.
2. **Compensatory Mitigation Plan – Not Applicable**
3. **Irrevocable Letter of Credit – Not Applicable**
4. **Permittee-Responsible Compensatory Mitigation Responsibility**
  - a. Permittee responsible compensatory mitigation installation shall be completed within 90 days of authorized impacts.
  - b. The Permittee is responsible for the required compensatory mitigation in perpetuity. However, the Permittee may transfer the compensatory mitigation

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<sup>7</sup> Compensatory Mitigation is for permanent physical loss and permanent ecological degradation of a water of the state.

requirements associated with long-term management when the following conditions have been met:

- i. Performance standards are met.
  - ii. A Transfer Agreement to a third party has been approved by Central Valley Water Board staff.
  - iii. An endowment fund has been provided by the Permittee to a third party for management in perpetuity of the mitigation site.
  - iv. A conservation easement, deed restriction, or other appropriate restrictive covenant for the mitigation site has been recorded and approved by Central Valley Water Board staff.
- c. Transfer of Long-Term Permittee-Responsible Compensatory Mitigation and Management Responsibility**
- i. A transfer agreement shall be submitted from an authorized representative of the new party (transferee) for acceptance by Central Valley Water Board staff. This agreement shall demonstrate acceptance and understanding of the responsibility to comply with and fully satisfy the required compensatory mitigation and long-term management conditions. Failure to comply with the mitigation conditions and associated requirements may subject the transferee to enforcement by the Central Valley Water Board under Water Code section 13385, subdivision (a).
  - ii. Notification of transfer of responsibilities meeting the above condition must be provided to the Central Valley Water Board staff. A draft transfer agreement is due to Central Valley Water Board staff no less than thirty (30) days prior to the transfer of the mitigation responsibility. A final transfer agreement is due to Central Valley Water Board staff within 30 days of the completion of the transfer.

**5. Purchase of Mitigation Credits by Permittee for Compensatory Mitigation – Not Applicable**

**6. Total Required Compensatory Mitigation**

- a. The Permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation for the authorized impact to stream channel and wetland by rehabilitating 0.10 acre of stream channel and 0.04 acre of wetland.
- b. Total required Project compensatory mitigation information for permanent physical loss of area is summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: Required Project Compensatory Mitigation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area <sup>8</sup>							
Aquatic Resource Type	Comp Mit. Type <sup>9</sup>	Units	Method <sup>10</sup>				
			Est.	Re-est.	Reh.	Enh.	Pres.
Stream Channel	PR	Acres	-	-	0.10	-	-
Wetland	PR	Acres	-	-	0.04	-	-

**L. Ecological Restoration and Enhancement:** The quantity of waters of the state permanently gained by the Project is shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Total Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Quantity <sup>11</sup>							
Aquatic Resource Type	Res. <sup>12</sup> Type	Units	Method <sup>13</sup>				
			Est.	Re-est.	Reh.	Enh.	Pres.
Stream Channel	PR	Acres	-	-	0.10	-	-
Wetland	PR	Acres	-	-	0.04	-	-

**M. Certification Deviation**

1. Minor modifications of Project locations or predicted impacts may be necessary as a result of unforeseen field conditions, necessary engineering re-design, construction concerns, or similar reasons. Some of these prospective Project modifications may have impacts on water quality. Some modifications of Project locations or predicted impacts may qualify as Certification Deviations as set forth in Attachment F. For purposes of this Certification, a “Certification Deviation” is a Project locational or impact modification that does not require an immediate amendment of the Order, because the Central Valley Water Board has determined that any potential water quality impacts that may result from the change are sufficiently addressed by the Order conditions and the CEQA Findings. After the termination of construction, this Order will be formally amended to reflect all authorized Certification Deviations and any resulting adjustments to the amount of water resource impacts and required compensatory mitigation amounts.

<sup>8</sup> For Staff use only: Record quantities in CIWQS table side A for Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Physical Loss of Area.

<sup>9</sup> Compensatory mitigation type may be: In-Lieu-Fee (ILF); Mitigation Bank (MB); Permittee-Responsible (PR)

<sup>10</sup> Methods: establishment (Est.), reestablishment (Re-est.), rehabilitation (Reh.), enhancement (Enh.), preservation (Pres.). Unknown applies to advance credits with an unknown method and or location.

<sup>11</sup> For Staff use only: Record quantities in CIWQS mitigation/restoration table side B for mitigation for temporary impacts and for permanent degradation of ecological condition; ecological restoration/enhancement projects.

<sup>12</sup> Restoration (Res.)

<sup>13</sup> Methods: establishment (Est.), reestablishment (Re-est.), rehabilitation (Reh.), enhancement (Enh.), preservation (Pres.).

2. A Project modification shall not be granted a Certification Deviation if it warrants or necessitates changes that are not addressed by the Order conditions or the CEQA environmental document such that the Project impacts are not addressed in the Project's environmental document or the conditions of this Order. In this case a supplemental environmental review and different Order will be required.

**XV. Water Quality Certification**

I hereby issue the Order for the Little Deer Creek Restoration and Flood Mitigation Project, (WDID#5A29CR00107) certifying that as long as all of the conditions listed in this Order are met, any discharge from the referenced Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Clean Water Act sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards).

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Order actions are contingent on: (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the conditions of this Order and the attachments to this Order; and, (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of Statewide Water Quality Control Plans and Policies, the Regional Water Boards' Water Quality Control Plans and Policies.

*Original signed by Adam Laputz for*

*9/7/2017*

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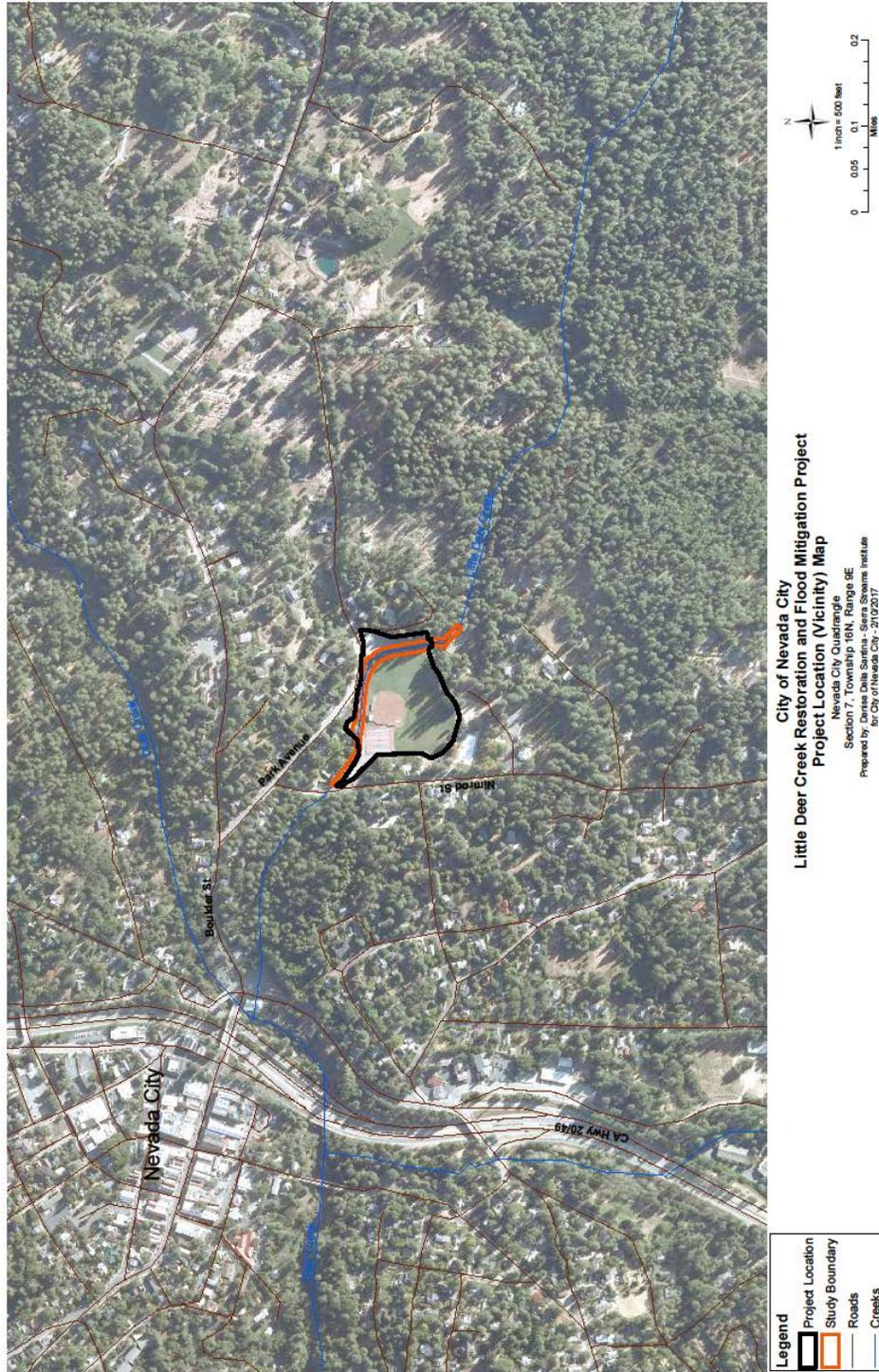
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 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Date

- Attachment A** Project Map
- Attachment B** Receiving Waters, Impact, and Mitigation Information
- Attachment C** CEQA Findings of Facts
- Attachment D** Report and Notification Requirements
- Attachment E** Signatory Requirements
- Attachment F** Certification Deviation Procedures









**Receiving Waters**

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

<b>Table 1: Receiving Water(s) Information</b>								
Non-Federal Waters	Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	eCRAM ID <sup>14</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Site 1	Little Deer Creek	Stream	517.	Yuba River	MUN, AGR, POW, REC-1, REC-2, COLD, SPWN, WILD	Mercury	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Site 2	Unnamed Tributary to Little Deer Creek	Wetland	517.	Yuba River	MUN, AGR, POW, REC-1, REC-2, COLD, SPWN, WILD	Mercury	N/A

**Individual Direct Impact Locations**

The following table shows individual impact locations.

<b>Table 2: Individual Direct Impact Information</b>											
Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation		Direct Impact Duration	Dredge			Fill/Excavation		
			Yes	No		Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
1. Site 1	39°15'36.4"N	121°00'37.8"W	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	-	-	-	-	-	-
					Permanent	-	-	-	0.093	780	850
2. Site 2	39°15'36.4"N	121°00'37.8"W	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	-	-	-	-	-	-
					Permanent	-	-	-	0.04	-	-

<sup>14</sup> California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) score of impacted sites provided by the Permittee.

### **Compensatory Mitigation Information**

The following table(s) show individual compensatory mitigation information and locations.

#### **Permittee Responsible Compensatory Mitigation Site Information**

<b>Table 3: Onsite Permittee Responsible Compensatory Mitigation<sup>15</sup></b>					
Site ID	Lat.	Long.	Aquatic Resource Type	Mitigation Quantity	
				Acres	Linear Feet
1. Site 1	39°15'36.4"N	121°00'37.8"W	Stream Channel	0.10	850
1. Site 2	39°15'36.4"N	121°00'37.8"W	Wetland	0.04	850

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<sup>15</sup> Mitigation site is analyzed in the Project CEQA document.



## A. Environmental Review

On 11 January 2017, the City of Nevada City, as lead agency, adopted an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2016112034) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 13 January 2017. The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that City of Nevada City's adopted environmental document complies with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21167.3.) The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and finds that the environmental document prepared by City of Nevada City addresses the Project's water quality impacts. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (f).) The environmental document includes the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) developed by City of Nevada City for all mitigation measures that have been adopted for the Project to reduce potential significant impacts. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21081.6, subd. (a)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15074, subd. (d).)

## B. Incorporation by Reference

Pursuant to CEQA, these Findings of Facts (Findings) support the issuance of this Order based on the Project IS/MND, the application for this Order, and other supplemental documentation.

All CEQA project impacts, including those discussed in subsection C below, are analyzed in detail in the Project Final IS/MND which is incorporated herein by reference. The Project IS/MND is available at: City Hall, 317 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA 95959. Requirements under the purview of the Central Valley Water Board in the MMRP are incorporated herein by reference.

The Permittee's application for this Order, including all supplemental information provided, is incorporated herein by reference.

## C. Findings

The IS/MND describes the potential significant environmental effects to water quality that were mitigated in the IS/MND. Having considered the whole of the record, including comments received during the public review process, the Central Valley Water Board makes the following findings:

- (1) *Revisions in the project plans or proposals made by, or agreed to by the applicant before a proposed mitigated negative declaration and initial study are released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur, and*
- (2) *There is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15070.)*

### a.i. Potential Significant Impact:

Potential adverse effect on any species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations; Potential adverse effect on riparian habitat or other sensitive natural

community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations; Potential adverse effect on federally protected wetlands; Potential adverse effect on water quality standards or waste discharge requirements; Potential adverse effect to substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area; Potential adverse effect on runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; Potential adverse effect to substantially degrade water quality; Potential adverse effect on housing within a 100-year flood hazard area; and potential adverse effect to expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding.

a.ii. Facts in Support of Finding:

**Mitigation:** The selected contractor shall prepare and implement a Project Dust and Emissions Control Plan that is approved by the NSAQMD prior to construction. The following shall be conducted throughout the construction period to limit and control dust and air emissions.

**Mitigation:** A minimum of 50 percent of off-road heavy-duty (i.e., 50 horsepower, or greater) diesel fueled construction equipment shall, at a minimum, meet CARB's Tier 3 certified engine standards. Cleaner off-road heavy-duty diesel engines (e.g., Tier 4) should be used to the extent feasible and available. All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. All equipment shall be checked by a certified mechanic and determined to be running in proper condition prior to operation; Idling times shall be minimized either by shutting equipment off when not in use or reducing the maximum idling time to 5 minutes (as required by the California airborne toxics control measure Title 13, Section 2485 of California Code of Regulations [CCR]). Clear signage shall be provided for construction workers at all access points.

**Mitigation:** For construction activities scheduled to occur between March 1 and August 31, a qualified wildlife biologist shall conduct a pre-construction survey within the Project area and all potential nesting and/or roosting habitat within 250 feet of this area to which the biologist may access without trespass. The survey shall be conducted no more than seven days before initiation of breeding season construction activities. If no active nests or maternity roosts are detected, then no additional mitigation shall be required.

**Mitigation:** Individual trees or groups of trees along Little Deer Creek will be protected to the greatest extent possible during construction to prevent damage to the trees and their root systems. To the extent possible, other riparian tree and shrub species will also be protected, including willows. To the extent possible, native perennials will be salvaged, stored in a shady place where they can be watered, and replanted post-construction. Upon completion of grading at the Project site, impacted or removed riparian trees and shrubs with a ten-inch DBH will be replanted at a 3:1 mitigation ratio planted along the restored floodplain, using material propagated from cuttings collected on site or from plants obtained at a local native plant nursery.

**Mitigation:** If the City or its contractor finds archeological, paleontological, or human remains, the City and its contractor will stop work and isolate the area using orange or yellow fencing until the appropriate regulatory agency is contacted and clears the area for future work. The City at its discretion can move construction activities and restart activities at a distance not expected to affect or disturb the find. Work can proceed away from the area of the find but cannot proceed toward the area of the find. If the City resumes work in a location where archaeological, paleontological, or human

remains have been discovered and cleared, the City will have an archeologist onsite to confirm that no additional archaeological resources are in the area.

**Mitigation:** If human remains are encountered, work shall halt in the vicinity and the County Coroner shall be notified immediately pursuant to PRC Section 7050.5. At the same time, an archaeologist shall be contacted to evaluate the situation. If human remains are of Native American origin, the Coroner must notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) within 24 hours of this identification. The NAHC shall identify the person or persons it believes to be the most likely descendent (MLD) from the deceased Native American. The MLD shall have an opportunity to make a recommendation to the landowner or the person responsible for the excavation work, for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods as provided in PRC Section 5097.98.

**Mitigation:** In compliance with the requirements of the State General Construction Activity Stormwater Permit, The City of Nevada City (City) shall obtain coverage under the current Construction General Permit (2009-0009-DWQ) and prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that incorporates measures or comparable Best Management Practices which describes the site, erosion and sediment controls, means of waste disposal, implementation of approved local plans, control of post construction sediment and erosion control measures and maintenance responsibilities, and non-stormwater management controls. Nevada City shall require all construction contractors to retain a copy of the approved SWPPP at the project site and implement the SWPPP. Additionally, the SWPPP shall ensure that all stormwater discharges are in compliance with all current requirements of the Construction General Permit (2009-009-DWQ).

**Mitigation:** Prior to construction, the contractor shall develop a Spill Prevention and Contingency Plan for the Project. Containment and cleanup equipment (e.g., absorbent pads, mats, socks, granules, drip pans, shovels, and lined clean drums) will be at the staging areas and construction site for use, as needed. Construction equipment will be maintained and kept in good operating condition to reduce the likelihood of line breaks or leakage. No refueling or servicing will be done without absorbent material (e.g. absorbent pads, mats, socks, pillows, and granules) or drip pans underneath to contain spilled material. If these activities result in an accumulation of materials on the soil, the soil will be removed and properly disposed of as hazardous waste. If a spill is detected, construction activity will cease immediately and the procedures described in the Spill Prevention and Contingency Plan will be immediately enacted to safely contain and remove spilled materials. Spill areas will be restored to pre-spill conditions, as practicable. Spills will be documented and reported to the City of Nevada City and appropriate resource agency personnel.

**Mitigation:** The city of Nevada City will require the selected construction contractor to coordinate with the local fire chief to ensure fire control to reduce the risk of fires during the proposed Project. The fire prevention and control measures will include requirements for onsite extinguishers; roles and responsibilities of Nevada City and the contractor; fire suppression equipment and critical fire prevention and suppression items.

**Mitigation:** To comply with the requirements of Section 401 (Water Quality Certification), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and Section 1602 of Fish and Game Code, the City of Nevada City shall obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, a Section 404 United

States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit, and a 1602 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the proposed Project work in Little Deer Creek. In addition, to protect water quality during proposed Project construction, a dewatering plan will be implemented based on consultation with permitting agencies. Obtaining coverage under the Clean Water Act and Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement will ensure that discharges or fill material placed into the waters of the United States will comply with provisions of the Clean Water Act and Fish and Game Code.

**Mitigation:** To evaluate the effects of the Project on surface water quality, water quality monitoring will be implemented before, during, and after proposed Project construction at sites located upstream and downstream of Pioneer Park. The City will monitor surface water quality as stipulated by the RWQCB in the project-specific Water Quality Certification, to include turbidity, settleable be conducted upstream of the influence of the proposed Project (500 feet upstream) and downstream of the proposed Project work area (500 feet downstream of the Project). Water quality monitoring will conducted at a minimum frequency of every four hours during Project construction activities. Visible construction related pollutants will be monitored on a continuous basis through visual inspections throughout the construction period. In addition to surface water quality monitoring during Project construction, the City will monitor surface water quality, turbidity and suspended sediment, and heavy metals concentrations as stipulated in the SWPPP at monitoring sites upstream and downstream of the Project site during runoff and storm events each year of construction.

**Mitigation:** Placement of rock and woody materials within the 100 year flood hazard area will follow designs from the Project engineer to ensure structures placed within the flood hazard area do not increase on or off-site flood hazards relative to existing conditions, and the Project does not result in substantial erosion, siltation, or flooding on- or off-site. Project design plans will incorporate topographic and cross sectional elevation data and use hydraulic modeling to prevent increased flood hazards and erosion or siltation to the extent feasible. A professional engineer will stamp and certify all designs used for construction.

**Mitigation:** Construction will be limited to daytime hours between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and possibly Saturdays with the exception of the water pump; which will need to operate 24/7 during the creek restoration activities. All construction equipment will be equipped with sound-control devices no less effective than those provided on the original equipment. Equipment will have a muffled exhaust. Appropriate additional noise-reducing measures will be implemented. If construction activities are required outside of the daytime working hours described above, the City will notify residents 48 hours in advance. If after hour construction is required due to an emergency, such as unforeseen dewatering, the City will notify nearby residents immediately

#### **D. Determination**

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project, when implemented in accordance with the MMRP and the conditions in this Order, will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd (h).)



### Copies of this Form

In order to identify your project, it is necessary to include a copy of the Project specific Cover Sheet below with your report: please retain for your records. If you need to obtain a copy of the Cover Sheet you may download a copy of this Order as follows:

1. Go to: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/certifications.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/certifications.shtml)
2. Find your Order in the table based on Applicant, Date, and Subject headers.

### Report Submittal Instructions

1. Check the box on the Report and Notification Cover Sheet next to the report or notification you are submitting.
  - **Part A (Annual Report):** This report will be submitted annually from the anniversary of Project effective date until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued.
  - **Part B (Project Status Notifications):** Used to notify the Central Valley Water Board of the status of the Project schedule that may affect Project billing.
  - **Part C (Conditional Notifications and Reports):** Required on a case by case basis for accidental discharges of hazardous materials, violation of compliance with water quality standards, notification of in-water work, or other reports.
2. Sign the Report and Notification Cover Sheet and attach all information requested for the Report Type.
3. **Electronic Report Submittal Instructions:**
  - Submit signed Report and Notification Cover Sheet and required information via email to: [centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov) and cc: [Nicholas.White@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nicholas.White@waterboards.ca.gov)
  - Include in the subject line of the email:  
Subject: ATTN: Nicholas White; Reg. Measure ID: 411904\_Report

### Definition of Reporting Terms

1. **Active Discharge Period:** The active discharge period begins with the effective date of this Order and ends on the date that the Permittee receives a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or, if no post-construction monitoring is required, a Notice of Project Complete Letter. The Active Discharge Period includes all elements of the Project including site construction and restoration, and any Permittee responsible compensatory mitigation construction.
2. **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Central Valley Water Board staff pertains to projects that have post construction monitoring requirements, e.g. if site restoration was required to be monitored for 5 years following construction. Central Valley Water Board staff will review the request and send a Completion of Discharges Letter to

the Permittee upon approval. This letter will initiate the post-discharge monitoring period and a change in fees from the annual active discharge fee to the annual post-discharge monitoring fee.

3. **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Central Valley Water Board staff pertains to projects that either have completed post-construction monitoring and achieved performance standards or have no post-construction monitoring requirements, and no further Project activities are planned. Central Valley Water Board staff will review the request and send a Project Complete Letter to the Permittee upon approval. Termination of annual invoicing of fees will correspond with the date of this letter.
4. **Post-Discharge Monitoring Period:** The post-discharge monitoring period begins on the date of the Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter and ends on the date of the Notice of Project Complete Letter issued by the Central Valley Water Board staff. The Post-Discharge Monitoring Period includes continued water quality monitoring or compensatory mitigation monitoring.
5. **Effective Date:** 8 September 2017.

### Map/Photo Documentation Information

When submitting maps or photos, please use the following formats.

1. **Map Format Information:**

Preferred map formats of at least 1:24000 (1" = 2000') detail (listed in order of preference):

- **GIS shapefiles:** The shapefiles must depict the boundaries of all project areas and extent of aquatic resources impacted. Each shape should be attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Features and boundaries should be accurate to within 33 feet (10 meters). Identify datum/projection used and if possible, provide map with a North American Datum of 1983 (NAD38) in the California Teale Albers projection in feet.
- **Google KML files** saved from Google Maps: My Maps or Google Earth Pro. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Include URL(s) of maps. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- **Other electronic format** (CAD or illustration format) that provides a context for location (inclusion of landmarks, known structures, geographic coordinates, or USGS DRG or DOQQ). Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- Aquatic resource maps marked on paper **USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps** or **Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQ)** printouts. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.

2. **Photo-Documentation:** Include a unique identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions.

**REPORT AND NOTIFICATION COVER SHEET**

<b>Project:</b>	Little Deer Creek Restoration and Flood Mitigation Project		
<b>Permittee:</b>	City of Nevada City		
<b>Reg. Meas. ID:</b>	411904	<b>Place ID:</b>	832926
<b>WDID:</b>	5A29CR00107		
<b>Order Effective Date:</b>	8 September 2017		
<b>Order Expiration Date:</b>	7 September 2022		

<b>Report Type Submitted</b>	
<b>Part A – Project Reporting</b>	
Report Type 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Report # _____
Report Type 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Report # _____
<b>Part B - Project Status Notifications</b>	
Report Type 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Commencement of Construction
Report Type 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter
Report Type 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter
<b>Part C - Conditional Notifications and Reports</b>	
Report Type 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report
Report Type 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report
Report Type 8	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report
Report Type 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Modifications to Project Report
Report Type 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of Property Ownership Report
Report Type 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

Print Name <sup>1</sup>

Affiliation and Job Title

Signature

Date

**<sup>1</sup>STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION (include if authorization has changed since application was submitted)**

I hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to act in my behalf as my representative in the submittal of this report, and to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of this submittal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*This Report and Notification Cover Sheet must be signed by the Permittee or a duly authorized representative and included with all written submittals.**

**Part A – Project Reporting**

<b>Report Type 1</b>	<b>Monthly Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of the Project status and environmental compliance activities on a monthly basis.
<b>When to Submit</b>	On the 20th day of each month beginning the month after the submittal of the Commencement of Construction Notification until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Construction Summary</b> Describe Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs<sup>16</sup>). If construction has not started, provide estimated start date.</li> <li><b>2. Event Summary</b> Describe distinct Project activities and occurrences, including environmental monitoring, surveys, and inspections.</li> <li><b>3. Photo Summary</b> Provide photos of Project activities. For each photo, include a unique site identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions.</li> <li><b>4. Compliance Summary</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a)</b> List name and organization of environmental surveyors, monitors, and inspectors involved with monitoring environmental compliance for the reporting period.</li> <li><b>b)</b> List associated monitoring reports for the reporting period. Include sampling reports. If no sampling was required, a monitoring report must be submitted stated, “No sampling was required”.</li> <li><b>c)</b> Summarize observed incidences of non-compliance, compliance issues, minor problems, or occurrences.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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<sup>16</sup> Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control.

	<p><b>d)</b> Describe each observed incidence in detail. List monitor name and organization, date, location, type of incident, corrective action taken (if any), status, and resolution.</p>
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<b>Report Type 2</b>	<b>Annual Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify the Central Valley Water Board staff of Project status during both the active discharge and post-discharge monitoring periods.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Annual reports shall be submitted each year on the 1st day of October starting one year after the effective date of the Order. Annual reports shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<p>The contents of the annual report shall include the topics indicated below for each project period. Report contents are outlined in Annual Report Topics below.</p> <p><b><u>During the Active Discharge Period</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Topic 1: Construction Summary</b></li> <li>• <b>Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status – Not Applicable</b></li> <li>• <b>Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>During the Post-Discharge Monitoring Period</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status – Not Applicable</b></li> <li>• <b>Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status</b></li> </ul>
<b>Annual Report Topics (1-3)</b>	
<b>Annual Report Topic 1</b>	<b>Construction Summary</b>
<b>When to Submit</b>	With the annual report during the Active Discharge Period.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction storm water best management practices (BMPs). If construction has not started, provide estimated start date and reasons for delay.</li> <li>2. Map showing general Project progress.</li> <li>3. If applicable: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Summary of Conditional Notification and Report Types 6 and 7 (Part C below).</li> <li>b. Summary of Certification Deviations. See Certification Deviation Attachment for further information.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Annual Report Topic 2</b>	<b>Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status – Not Applicable</b>
<b>When to Submit</b>	Not Required

<b>Annual Report Topic 3</b>	<b>Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status</b>
<b>When to Submit</b>	With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<p><b>Part A. Permittee Responsible</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Planned date of initiation of compensatory mitigation site installation.</li><li>2. If installation is in progress, a map of what has been completed to date.</li><li>3. If the compensatory mitigation site has been installed, provide a final map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the compensatory mitigation plan.</li></ol> <p><b>Part B. Mitigation Bank or In-Lieu Fee – Not Applicable</b></p>

**Part B – Project Status Notifications**

<b>Report Type 3</b>	<b>Commencement of Construction</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify Central Valley Water Board staff prior to the start of construction.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Must be received at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Date of commencement of construction.</li> <li>2. Anticipated date when discharges to waters of the state will occur.</li> <li>3. Project schedule milestones including a schedule for onsite compensatory mitigation, if applicable.</li> <li>4. Construction Storm Water General Permit WDID No.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type 4</b>	<b>Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify Central Valley Water Board staff that post-construction monitoring is required and that active Project construction, including any mitigation and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation, is complete.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Must be received by Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.</li> <li>2. Status of post-construction storm water BMP installation.</li> <li>3. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all Project activity sites where the discharge of dredge and/or fill/excavation was authorized.</li> <li>4. Summary of Certification Deviation discharge quantities compared to initial authorized impacts to waters of the state, if applicable.</li> <li>5. An updated monitoring schedule for mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation during the post-discharge monitoring period, if applicable.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type 5</b>	<b>Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify Central Valley Water Board staff that construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, or is not required, and no further Project activity is planned.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Must be received by Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<p><b>Part A: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for Project site upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.</li> <li>2. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for restored areas of temporary impacts to waters of the state. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all restoration sites.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Part B: Permittee Responsible Compensatory Mitigation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the compensatory mitigation plan have been met.</li><li>4. Status on the implementation of the long-term maintenance and management plan and funding of endowment.</li><li>5. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all compensatory mitigation sites.</li><li>6. Final maps of all compensatory mitigation areas (including buffers).</li></ol> <p><b>Part C: Post-Construction Storm Water BMPs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Date of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.</li><li>8. Report status and functionality of all post-construction BMPs.</li></ol>
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**Part C – Conditional Notifications and Reports**

<b>Report Type 6</b>	<b>Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff that an accidental discharge of hazardous material has occurred.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Within five (5) working days following the date of an accidental discharge. Continue reporting as required by Central Valley Water Board staff.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The report shall include the OES Incident/Assessment Form, a full description and map of the accidental discharge incident (i.e. location, time and date, source, discharge constituent and quantity, aerial extent, and photo documentation). If applicable, the OES Written Follow-Up Report may be substituted.</li> <li>2. If applicable, any required sampling data, a full description of the sampling methods including frequency/dates and times of sampling, equipment, locations of sampling sites.</li> <li>3. Locations and construction specifications of any barriers, including silt curtains or diverting structures, and any associated trenching or anchoring.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type 7</b>	<b>Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff that a violation of compliance with water quality standards has occurred.
<b>When to Submit</b>	The Permittee shall report any event that causes a violation of water quality standards within three (3) working days of the noncompliance event notification to Central Valley Water Board staff.
<b>Report Contents</b>	The report shall include: the cause; the location shown on a map; and the period of the noncompliance including exact dates and times. If the noncompliance has not been corrected, include: the anticipated time it is expected to continue; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and any monitoring results if required by Central Valley Water Board staff.

<b>Report Type 8</b>	<b>In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of the start and completion of in-water work. Reports the sampling results during in-water work and during the entire duration of temporary surface water diversions.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of in-water work. Within three (3) working days following the completion of in-water work. Surface water monitoring reports to be submitted two (2) weeks on initiation of in-water construction and during entire duration of temporary surface water diversions. Continue reporting in accordance with the approved water quality monitoring plan or as indicated in XIV.C.3.
<b>Report Contents</b>	As required by the approved water quality monitoring plan or as indicated in XIV.C.3.

<b>Report Type 9</b>	<b>Modifications to Project Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff if the Project, as described in the application materials, is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.
<b>When to Submit</b>	If Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.
<b>Report Contents</b>	A description and location of any alterations to Project implementation. Identification of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with the Order.

<b>Report Type 10</b>	<b>Transfer of Property Ownership Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of change in ownership of the Project or Permittee-responsible mitigation area.
<b>When to Submit</b>	At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of ownership.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A statement that the Permittee has provided the purchaser with a copy of this Order and that the purchaser understands and accepts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Order's requirements and the obligation to implement them or be subject to administrative and/or civil liability for failure to do so; and</li> <li>b. responsibility for compliance with any long-term BMP<sup>17</sup> maintenance plan requirements in this Order.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. A statement that the Permittee has informed the purchaser to submit a written request to the Central Valley Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type 11</b>	<b>Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of transfer of long-term BMP maintenance responsibility.
<b>When to Submit</b>	At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.
<b>Report Contents</b>	A copy of the legal document transferring maintenance responsibility of post-construction BMPs.

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<sup>17</sup> Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control.



## SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

*All Documents Submitted In Compliance With This Order  
Shall Meet The Following Signatory Requirements:*

1. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) must be signed and certified as follows:
  - a) For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer of at least the level of vice-president.
  - b) For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or proprietor, respectively.
  - c) For a municipality, or a state, federal, or other public agency, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
2. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in items 1.a through 1.c above may sign documents if:
  - a) The authorization is made in writing by a person described in items 1.a through 1.c above.
  - b) The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated activity.
  - c) The written authorization is submitted to the Central Valley Water Board Staff Contact prior to submitting any documents listed in item 1 above.
3. Any person signing a document under this section shall make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.”



## Certification Deviation Procedures

### Introduction

These procedures are put into place to preclude the need for Order amendments for minor changes in the Project routing or location. Minor changes or modifications in project activities are often required by the Permittee following start of construction. These deviations may potentially increase or decrease impacts to waters of the state. In such cases, a Certification Deviation, as defined in Section M of the Order, may be requested by the Permittee as set forth below:

### Process Steps

Who may apply: The Permittee or the Permittee's duly authorized representative or agent (hereinafter, "Permittee") for this Order.

How to apply: By letter or email to the 401 staff designated as the contact for this Order.

Certification Deviation Request: The Permittee will request verification from the Central Valley Water Board staff that the project change qualifies as a Certification Deviation, as opposed to requiring an amendment to the Order. The request should:

1. Describe the Project change or modification:
  - a. Proposed activity description and purpose;
  - b. Why the proposed activity is considered minor in terms of impacts to waters of the state;
  - c. How the Project activity is currently addressed in the Order; and,
  - d. Why a Certification Deviation is necessary for the Project.
2. Describe location (latitude/longitude coordinates), the date(s) it will occur, as well as associated impact information (i.e., temporary or permanent, federal or non-federal jurisdiction, water body name/type, estimated impact area, etc.) and minimization measures to be implemented.
3. Provide all updated environmental survey information for the new impact area.
4. Provide a map that includes the activity boundaries with photos of the site.
5. Provide verification of any mitigation needed according to the Order conditions.
6. Provide verification from the CEQA Lead Agency that the proposed changes or modifications do not trigger the need for a subsequent environmental document, an addendum to the environmental document, or a supplemental EIR. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15162-15164.)

Post-Discharge Certification Deviation Reporting:

1. Within 30 calendar days of completing the approved Certification Deviation activity, the Permittee will provide a post-discharge activity report that includes the following information:
  - a. Activity description and purpose;
  - b. Activity location, start date, and completion date;
  - c. Erosion control and pollution prevention measures applied;
  - d. The net change in impact area by water body type(s) in acres, linear feet and cubic yards;
  - e. Mitigation plan, if applicable; and,
  - f. Map of activity location and boundaries; post-construction photos.

Annual Summary Deviation Report:

1. Until a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued, include in the Annual Project Report (see Construction Notification and Reporting attachment) a compilation of all Certification Deviation activities through the reporting period with the following information:
  - a. Site name(s).
  - b. Date(s) of Certification Deviation approval.
  - c. Location(s) of authorized activities.
  - d. Impact area(s) by water body type prior to activity in acres, linear feet and cubic yards, as originally authorized in the Order.
  - e. Actual impact area(s) by water body type in, acres, linear feet and cubic yards, due to Certification Deviation activity(ies).
  - f. The net change in impact area by water body type(s) in acres, linear feet and cubic yards;
  - g. Mitigation to be provided (approved mitigation ratio and amount).