



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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RESCISSION OF CLEAN WATER ACT §401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, DELTA CROSS CHANNEL FALL-RUN CHINOOK SALMON MONITORING PROJECT (WDID#5A34CR00634A1), SACRAMENTO COUNTY

This Order rescinds the section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Delta Cross Channel Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Monitoring Project (WDID#5A34CR00634) issued on 17 July 2015, due to incorrect issuance of an individual certification for a pre-certified Nationwide Permit.

On 15 May 2015, the Bureau of Reclamation (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 19 April 2012 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification of United States Army Corps of Engineers 2012 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity will take place within less than 0.26 acre of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #5, Scientific Measurement Devices, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to § 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the General Order Certification is enclosed. You can also find the General Certification Order on the State Water Resources Control Board's website at:
www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp_401.pdf

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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Delta Cross Channel Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Monitoring Project (Project) consists of installing two temporary sonic monitoring systems and associated equipment, seven acoustic telemetry receivers, and fyke and trammel nets to be fished at four different sites within the Sacramento River, Snodgrass Slough, Dead Horse Cut, and the North, South, and Main Mokelumne Rivers. The monitoring systems track the upstream migration movement patterns of the adult fall-run Chinook salmon from the Mokelumne River through the Delta Cross Channel. The data provides a baseline for comparison of adult fall-run Chinook salmon before and after the installation of a future experimental electric fish barrier. The nets will allow healthy adult salmon to be captured by on-site fish biologists, measured, and tagged for data collection. Regulatory warning buoys will be installed at each monitoring device location to inform boaters and recreationists of the in-water devices. Monitoring will occur over seven weeks and all monitoring equipment will be removed from waters of the United States.

APPROXIMATE TIMEFRAME OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:

1 September through 6 November

PROJECT LOCATION:

Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 4 East, MDB&M.
Latitude: 38°13'41" N and Longitude: 121°29'37" W

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Stephanie Tadlock, Environmental Scientist, at 916-464-4644 or Stephanie.Tadlock@waterboards.ca.gov

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Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality
Certification of United States Army Corps of Engineers 2012 Nationwide Permits

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