

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, LOWER AMERICAN RIVER ANADROMOUS FISH HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT (WDID#5A34CR00696A1), SACRAMENTO COUNTY

This Order responds to the 27 February 2018 request for an amendment of the Lower American River Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5A34CR00696). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 8 November 2017. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

In 2017, high flows in the lower American River washed away optimal spawning habitat. The Bureau of Reclamation will replace habitat and is requesting to extend the area of Lower American River Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration to include activities at Upper Sailor Bar, located east of Lower Sailor Bar. This will increase the project from 25.5 acres to 42.2 acres.

This is a federal project and is exempt from a California Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Agreement.

The Certification is amended as shown in underline/strikeout format in Attachment A.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fee was required for this amendment. Federal dischargers involved in Dredge and Fill Operations only are not subject to permit fees as required by § 3833(b)(3)(A) and § 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from 23 February 2018 to 16 March 2018. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

The Project is categorically exempt under CEQA under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304, which exempts minor public or private alterations in condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Lower American River Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Project (WDID#5A34CR00696A1). All other conditions and provisions of the original Water Quality Certification and any previously approved amendments remain in full force and effect, except as modified based on the conditions of this Order. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the original Water Quality Certification, previously approved amendments, or of this Order may result in suspension or revocation of the Water Quality Certification.

Original Signed By Adam Laputz for:

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Project Information

Attachment A: Clean Water Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Order – Lower American River Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Project

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