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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, CLIFTON COURT FOREBAY SEDIMENT SAMPLING PLAN PROJECT (WDID#5B07CR00192), CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

On 11 May 2017, the California Department of Water Resources (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 17 March 2017 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2017 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order) for the Clifton Court Forebay Sediment Sampling Plan Project (Project). 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 0.0001 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 #6 (Survey Activities), 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 Certification Order is enclosed. You can also find the General Certification Order on the State Water Resources Control Board's website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp_go.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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 Project consists of conducting up to 30 borings within Clifton Court Forebay. The borings will be a depth of 5 to 15 feet below Clifton Court Forebay bed or mud level, and will have a maximum diameter of 4 inches. The proposed method for boring will not require the use of bentonite drilling fluid. The equipment will be mounted on a barge, boat, or floating platform. If a small generator is used, secondary containment will be used. The boreholes will be filled with the surrounding sediment.

APPROXIMATE TIMEFRAME OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:
1 August to 31 October

PROJECT LOCATION:
Sections 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 30, Township 9 North, Range 4 East, MDB&M.
Latitude: 37°51'21.5" and Longitude: -121°34'32.56"

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Nicholas White at (916) 464-4856 or Nicholas.White@waterboards.ca.gov

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Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of United States Army Corps of Engineers 2017 Nationwide Permits

Attachment: Figure 1- Sediment Sampling Locations

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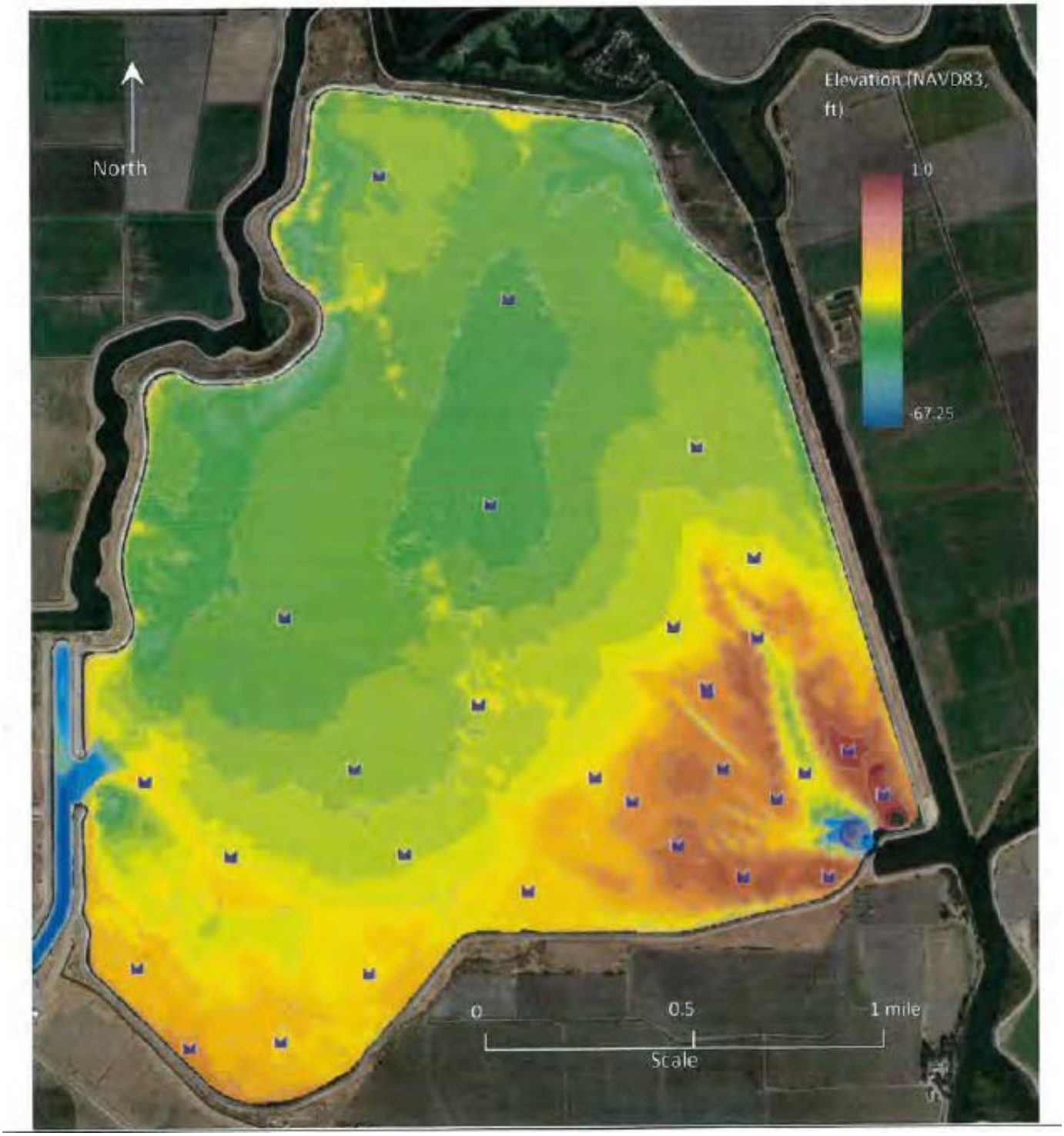

Figure 1: Sediment Sampling Locations