
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, SFPUC MOCCASIN RESERVOIR SURVEY ACTIVITIES PROJECT (WDID#5B55CR00123), TUOLUMNE COUNTY

On 20 April 2018, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (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 SFPUC Moccasin Reservoir Survey Activities 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 0.01 acre/300 linear feet 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 section 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. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 20 April 2018, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A major flood on 22 March 2018 caused a high accumulation of sediment in the SFPUC Moccasin Reservoir. As a result of higher than normal accumulation, Moccasin Reservoir was completely drained to assess damage to the reservoir and associated facilities. The Applicant plans to remove excess sediment from the reservoir. The 0.01-acre Project consists of surveying soil and sediment in the Moccasin Reservoir to characterize treatment of the

sediment prior to excavating material from the reservoir. Approximately 30 bore or trench survey locations will be performed across the Project area. Survey locations will be approximately 2 feet wide by 10 feet long and range in depth from 2 to 10 feet. Sampling will be done in dry conditions while the reservoir is drained. Once survey activities are completed, soil will be backfilled into the bore sites.

Best management practices shall be implemented to protect the aquatic environment and activities within the jurisdictional area will be minimized to the extent necessary to complete the work. Equipment will be removed whenever possible to an upland area for any fueling or maintenance. Secondary containment will be available onsite (e.g. plastic pools) for any minor leaks or drips. Adequately stocked and maintained spill kits including absorbent booms will be readily available onsite.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.01 acre/300 linear feet waters of the United States.

APPROXIMATE TIMEFRAME OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:

25 April 2018 through 1 June 2018

PROJECT LOCATION:

Latitude: 37° 48' 37.70" N and Longitude: 120°18' 11.79" W

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$1,500.00 was received on 20 April 2018.

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 G - Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Stephanie Tadlock 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 General
Water Quality Certification and Order of United States Army Corps of Engineers
2017 Nationwide Permits

Attachments: Figure 1 – Project Location Map
Figure 2 – Site Map

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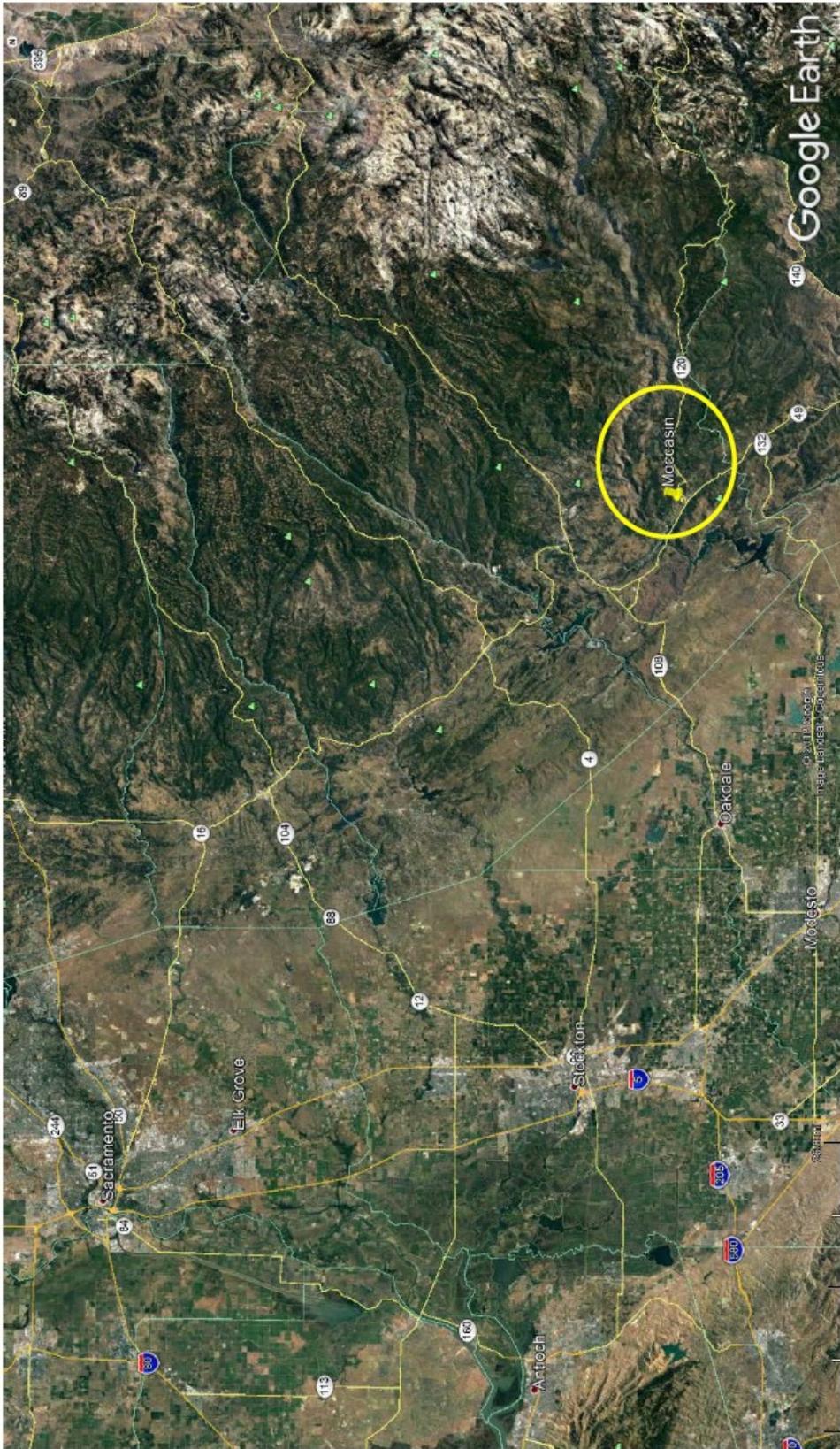


Figure 1: Regional Map Showing Location of Moccasin Reservoir

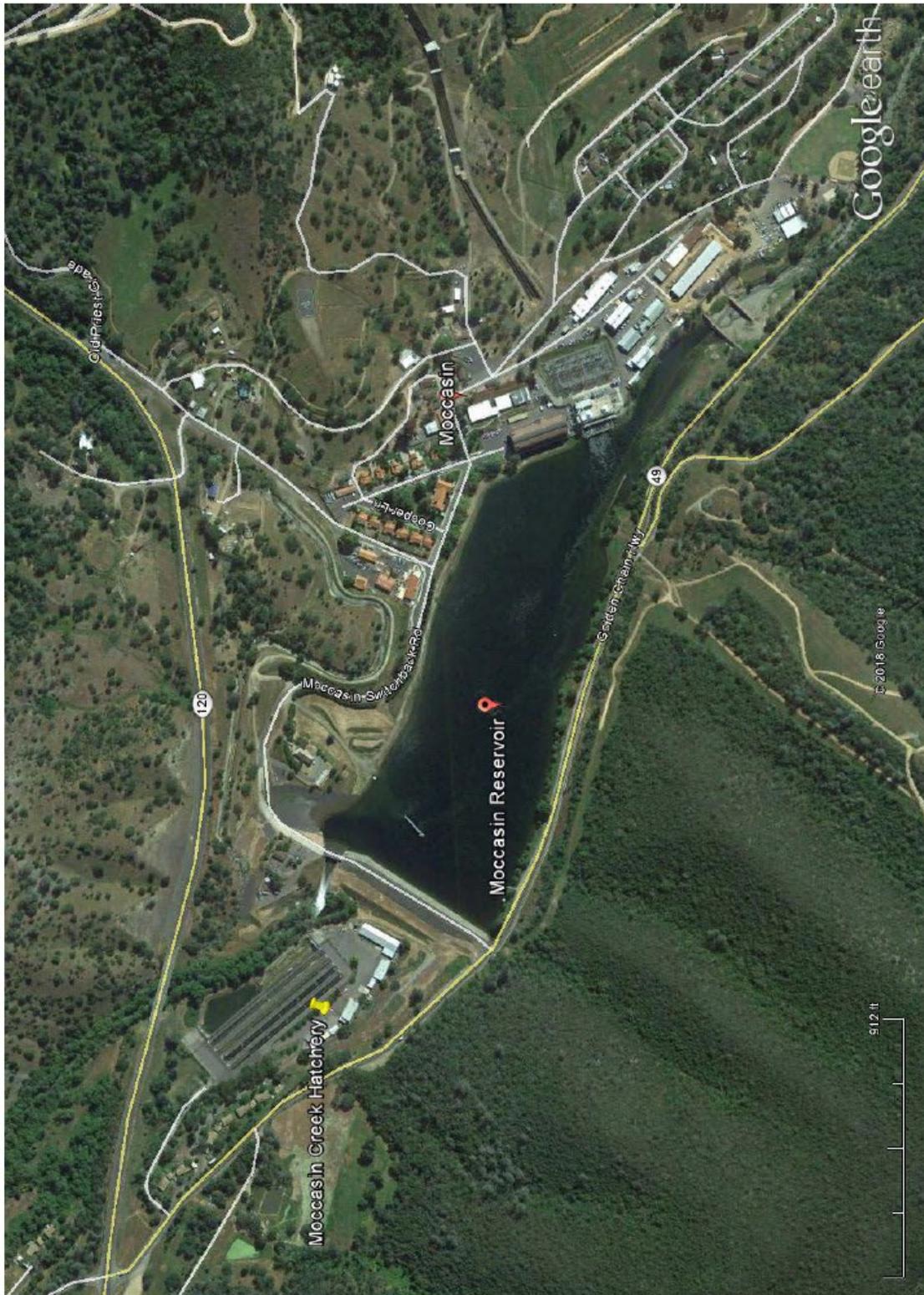


Figure 2: Moccasin Reservoir. Note – reservoir was drained following March 22, 2018 storm damages. Survey activities would occur in the dry reservoir.