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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **ACTION ON AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR CLEAN WATER ACT §401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR DISCHARGE OF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIALS FOR THE ISABELLA DAM SAFETY MODIFICATION PROJECT (WDID 5C15CR000090), KERN COUNTY**

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) (Discharger) requests an amendment to the Isabella Dam Safety Modification Project (Project) §401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) issued on 21 December 2016. The request is to modify submittal dates for plans pertaining to construction of the French Gulch Boat Ramp to accommodate construction commencement on 15 February 2017.

Certification Conditions XIII.C. and G. require submittal, at least 45 days prior to beginning construction in water or within the lakebed, of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, and a Water Quality Management Plan to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board for review and approval. Certification Condition XIII.H. requires submittal and approval of a Compensatory Mitigation Plan prior to impacts to waters of the state. The Corps is requesting an expedited review and approval period of 18 days for plans pertaining to the boat ramp construction portion of the larger dam safety modification project to take advantage of the historic low lake level.

Additionally, the Corps indicates the Soil and Groundwater Management Plan and the Fisheries Management Plan required by Certification Condition XIII.G. do not pertain to the French Gulch Boat Ramp construction project and is requesting to submit those plans in the future, prior to construction on the dam safety modifications portion of the project.

This letter amends the Certification to allow submittal for review and approval of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, a Water Quality Management Plan, and a final Compensatory Mitigation Plan pertaining to the French Gulch Boat Ramp construction at least 18 days prior to beginning of construction within the lakebed. The Soil and Groundwater Management Plan and the Fisheries Management Plan are not required prior to initiation of construction of the French Gulch Boat Ramp construction.

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Resources Control Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code § 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, § 2050 and following. The State Water Resources Control Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this action, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Resources Control Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request.

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