
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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REQUEST TO AMEND CLEAN WATER ACT §401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR DISCHARGE OF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIALS FOR THE STATE ROUTE 204 KERN RIVER BRIDGE SCOUR PROJECT, WDID#5C15CR00091, KERN COUNTY

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requests an amendment to the Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) (enclosed) issued by this office on 13 March 2017 for the State Route 204 Kern River Bridge Scour Project. The amendment is necessary to increase the impact areas due to discovery of additional scour damage to additional bridge piers.

This letter amends the Certification to recognize the following:

An increase in permanent impacts to the Kern River channel from the original 0.47 acres to a total of 0.93 acres. Permanent impact will include placement of a rock mattress over 126.5 linear feet along the flow line of the river and backfill of undermined pile caps with grout for Bridge Piers 11-17. Impact areas are shown in Attachment A (404 Impact Map). All temporarily disturbed areas shall be returned to original contour and condition following completion of construction.

To mitigate for the additional loss of 0.46 acres of the Kern River, Caltrans shall purchase an additional 1.06 aquatic resource credits from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program for the Kern River Service Area.

Additional fees of \$4,603 will be required for the increased impacts, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2200(a)(3).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Debra Mahnke by phone at (559) 445-6281 or by email at dmahnke@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure: 13 March 2017 401 Water Quality Certification

Attachment: Attachment A- 404 Impact Map

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