



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

29 May 2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ORDER FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS STATEWIDE (ORDER NO. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ), RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1500, FEATHER RIVER SALMONID HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 2, BUTTE COUNTY, WDD NO. 5A04CR00389

On 4 May 2026, Reclamation District 1500 (Applicant) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under State Water Resources Control Board's Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ (Statewide Restoration General Order) for the Feather River Salmonid Habitat Improvement Project – Phase 2 (Project). After review of the NOI 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 the Statewide Restoration General Order.

This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued at the request of Reclamation District 1500 (hereinafter Enrollee) under the Statewide Restoration General Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations. Although the Statewide Restoration General Order may also serve as a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification, this NOA is being issued solely as waste discharge requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code, § 13000 et seq.)

NOA Effective Date: 29 May 2026

NOA Expiration Date: 29 May 2031

A copy of the Statewide Restoration General Order is enclosed. You may also access the Statewide Restoration General Order on State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders Web Page: [Order WQ 2022-0048-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf).

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the Statewide Restoration General Order. Failure to comply with this NOA and the Statewide Restoration General Order constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action and/or termination of enrollment under the Statewide Restoration General Order. The Project is described in the NOI Form requesting coverage and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the Statewide Restoration General Order is no longer valid if the Project is modified from that described in the Application Package.

I. Public Notice

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 8 May 2026 to 29 May 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

II. Project Description

The proposed project is Phase 2 of the Feather River Salmonid Habitat Improvement Project (FRSHIP). FRSHIP was previously certified under WDID 5A04CR00349 to place approximately 16,260 cubic yards of clean spawning gravel at multiple spawning sites within the low flow channel of the Feather River. Phase 2 proposes to place approximately 7,900 cubic yards of clean spawning gravel. Areas in need of additional spawning gravel have recently been identified within the original footprint of the proposed project. Some of the gravel placed during Phase 1 in 2023 has been washed downstream and will be replaced as part of Phase 2. Tree removal is not anticipated but may require trimming, since existing access roads, stockpile areas, and staging areas used during Phase 1 will also be used for Phase 2.

Previously disturbed areas were selected as equipment and material staging/stockpile areas. Equipment access will utilize existing access roads to minimize impacts to the channel and riparian vegetation. Clean, washed gravel will be used for access routes within the Feather River and will be spread and left in the river to provide spawning habitat following construction.

Off-highway haul trucks will be used to transport clean spawning gravel from upland stockpile areas to proposed gravel sites within the Feather River. Dozers, excavators, and front end loaders will be used to spread and distribute spawning gravel within the Feather River.

Gravel will be placed within previously enhanced spawning habitat locations. The total of approximately 7,900 cubic yards of imported spawning gravel will be placed at six locations, with two alternate locations also being included if there is still spawning gravel available of the allotted 7,900 cubic yards. Approximately 100 cubic yards of accumulated material at the entrance of Moe's side channel will also be redistributed within the adjacent Top of Auditorium Riffle spawning site. The total placement of spawning gravel and redistribution of gravel will result in approximately 7.31 acres of temporary impacts to stream channel habitat.

III. Project Location

Address: Oroville, CA

County: Butte

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 012-010-999; 031-100-015; 031-110-035;
031-100-022; 031-100-023; 031-100-024;
031-100-025

Sections 01, 08, Township 19 North, Range 04 East, MDB&M.

Latitude: 39.514792° and Longitude: -121.562489°

Maps showing the Project location are found in Attachment A of this Order.

IV. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fifth Edition, February 2019 (Basin Plan). The plan for the region and other plans and policies may be accessed at the [State Water Resources Control Board's Plans and Policies Web page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/). The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This NOA promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

Project impact and receiving waters information can be found in Attachment B. Table 1 of Attachment B shows the receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the state impacted by the Project. Individual impact location and quantity are shown in Table 2 of Attachment B.

V. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. The project will result in 3,924 linear feet of temporary impacts, however, since there are alternative impact sites that are adjacent to other sites, the actual total linear feet of impacts is 2,610.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts¹

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	7.31	7,900	2,610

VI. Project Schedule

The Project is estimated to occur between 1 June 2026 and 31 August 2026. In-water work is restricted to occur between 1 July and 31 August. The Project is estimated to occur over a total of 30 work days.

VII. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

On 18 November 2022, the California Department of Water Resources, as lead agency, adopted an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2022100104) for the project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 21 November 2022. Pursuant to CEQA, the Central Valley Water Board has made Findings of Facts (Findings) which support the issuance of this Order and are included in Attachment C.

VIII. Fees Received

- A.** An application fee of \$1,123.00 was received on 7 May 2026. 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 D - Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.
- B. Annual Fees:** This Order is subject to annual billing based on the fee schedule in effect at the time of billing. Annual billing will continue until the Project, including monitoring, is complete and the Central Valley Water Board receives an acceptable request for a Notice of Project Complete Letter (see Attachment D of Statewide Restoration General Order). Annual invoices for fill and excavation projects are issued for projects active for any amount of time in the current fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Annual invoices for dredging projects are based on the quantity of dredged material in the previous fiscal year. Invoices are usually sent out at the end of each calendar year.

To stop annual billing, the Permittee must request a Notice of Project Complete Letter from the Water Board. Central Valley Water Board staff will verify if the conditions of the Order are met and may conduct a site visit to confirm

¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include area of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

compliance.

For more information on fees, visit the State Water Board's [Water Quality Fees Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/), under Water Quality Certification (WQC) Program Fees.

IX. Findings of Applicability

This letter serves as formal notice that Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ is applicable to this habitat restoration project. Your waste discharge identification (WDID) number is 5A04CR00389.

X. Conditions

The Enrollee shall comply with all applicable conditions of the Statewide Restoration General Order, including but not limited to the following:

A. Reporting and Notification Requirements

1. In-Water Work and Diversions:

The Enrollee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in flowing or standing water or stream diversions. Notification may be via email, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

XI. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact:

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Carson Blodow at (530) 224-4994 or Carson.Blodow@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO

5/29/2026

For Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Date

- Attachment A:** Project Maps
- Attachment B:** Receiving Waters, Impacts, and Mitigation Information
- Attachment C:** CEQA Findings of Facts

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ

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Attachment A – Project Maps

Figure 1. Project Location Map

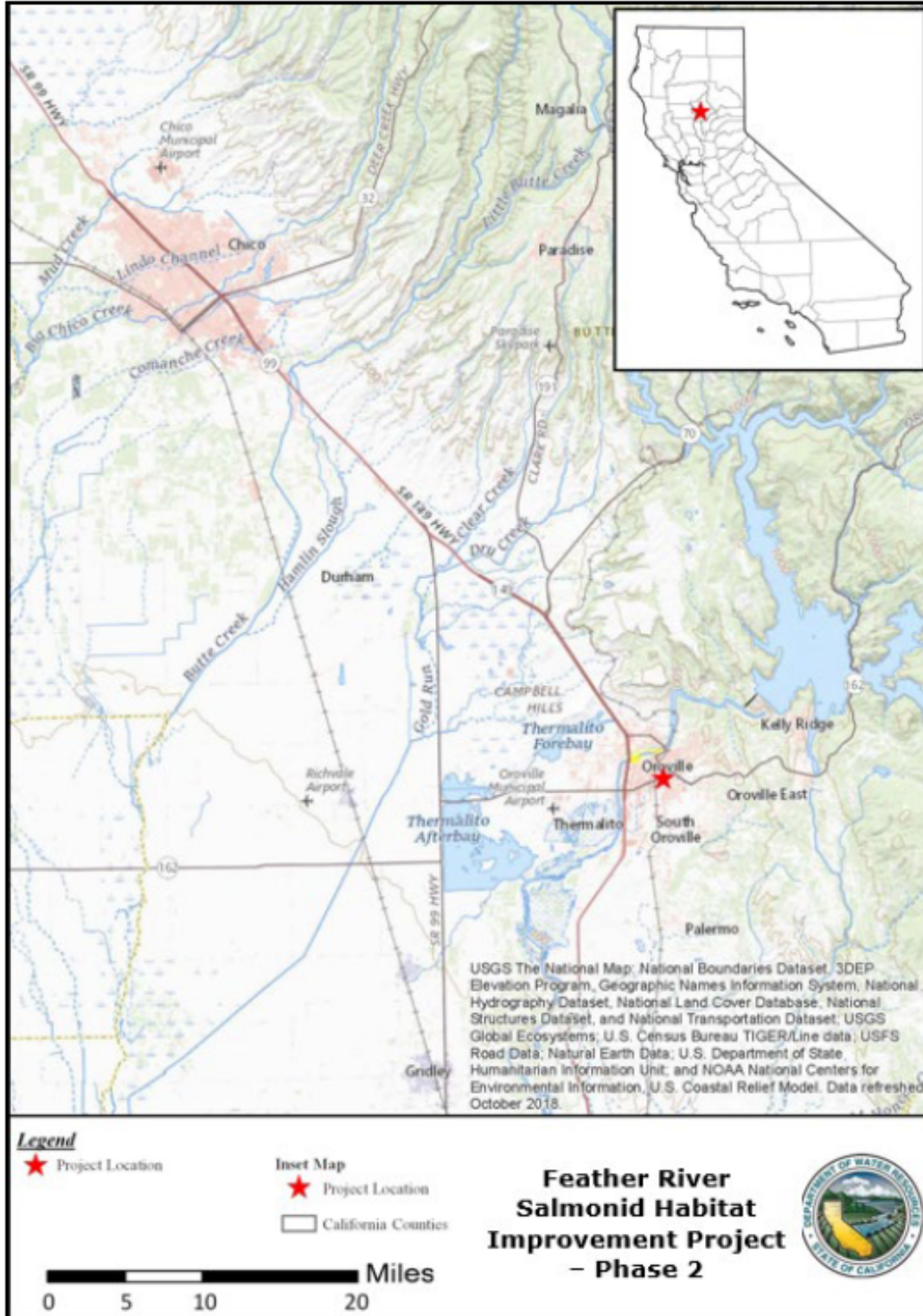


Figure 2: Upstream Channel Impacts Map

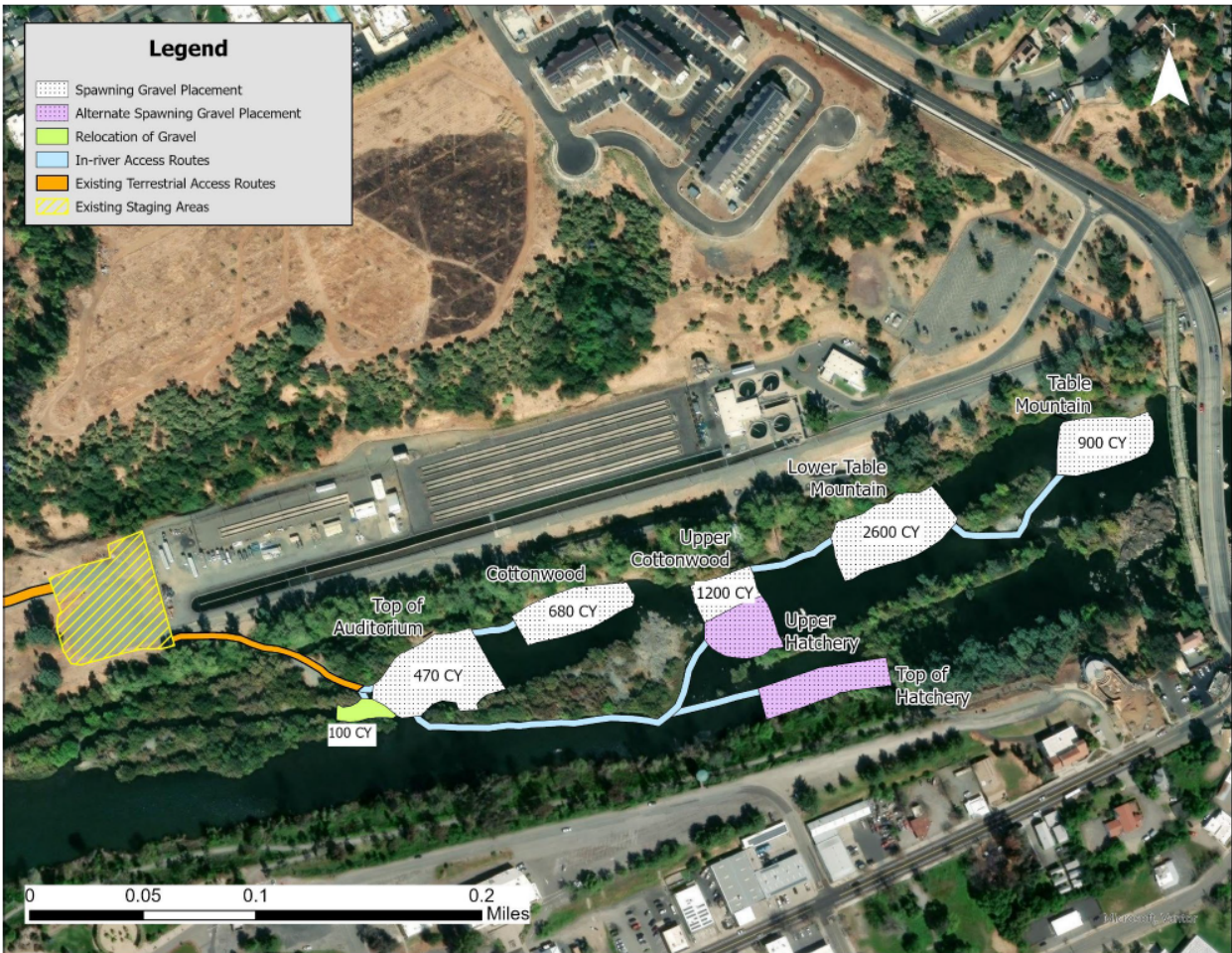
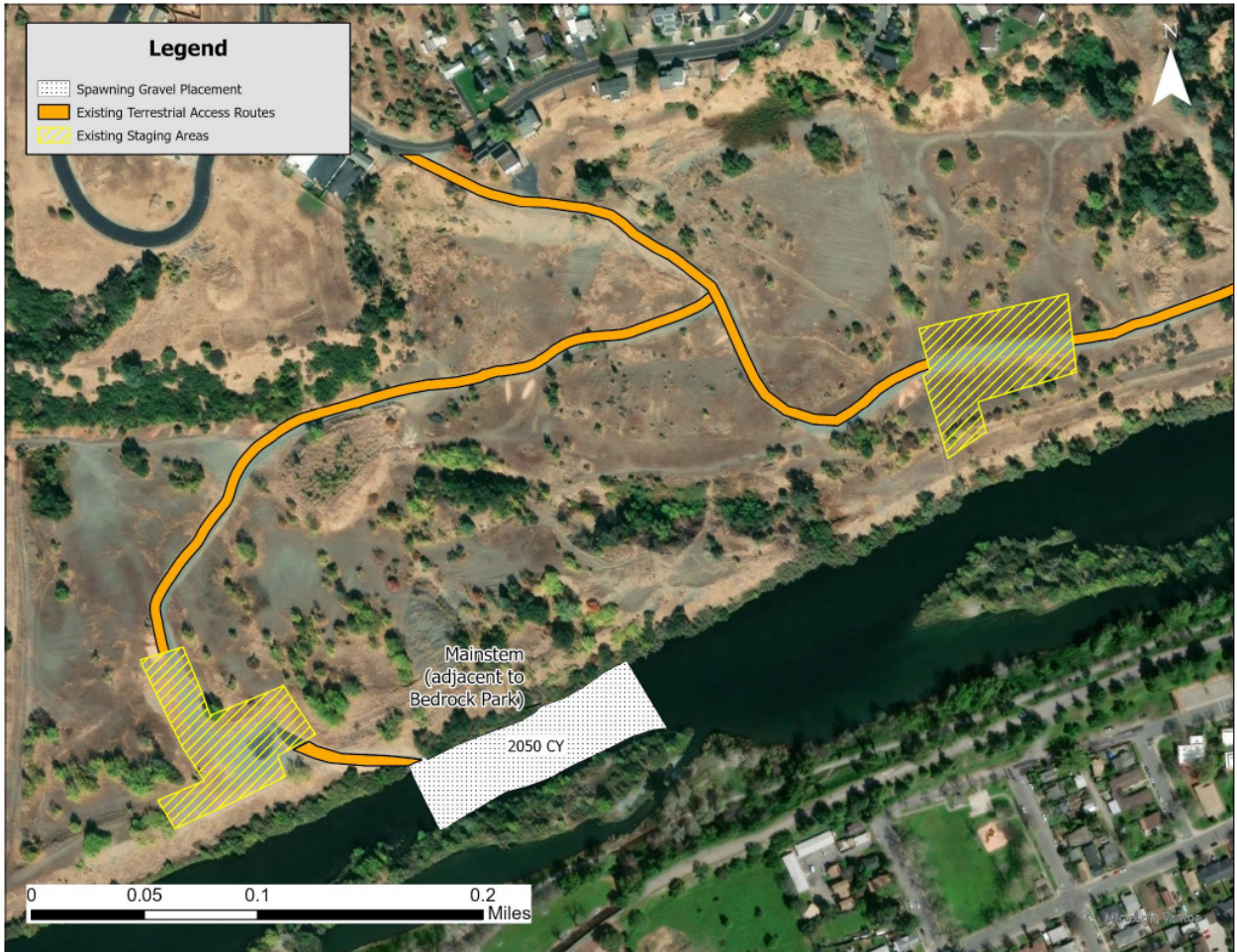


Figure 3: Downstream Channel Impacts Map



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Attachment B – Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

Table 1: Receiving Water Information

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resources Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Table Mountain Riffle	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable
Lower Table Mountain Riffle	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable
Upper Cottonwood Riffle	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable
Cottonwood Riffle	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resources Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Top of Auditorium Riffle	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable
Bedrock Riffle	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable
Alternate: Upper Hatchery	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable
Alternate: Top of Hatchery	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable
In-river Access Routes	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resources Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Relocate Existing Spawning Gravel at Moe's Side Channel	Feather River	River	515.40	Feather River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Mercury, PCBs, Toxicity, Group A Pesticides	Not Applicable

Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following table shows individual impacts.

Table 2: Individual Temporary Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acre	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Table Mountain Riffle			No	0.59	900	254
Lower Table Mountain Riffle			No	0.85	2,600	287
Upper Cottonwood Riffle			No	0.69	1,200	148
Cottonwood Riffle			No	0.56	680	276
Top of Auditorium Riffle			No	0.93	470	280
Bedrock Riffle			No	2.05	2,050	574
Alternate: Upper Hatchery			No	0.42		165
Alternate: Top of Hatchery			No	0.49		305
In-river Access Routes			No	0.62		1,519
Relocate Existing Spawning Gravel at Moe's Side Channel			No	0.11	100	116

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Attachment C – CEQA Findings of Fact

A. Environmental Review

On 18 November 2022, the California Department of Water Resources, as lead agency, adopted an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2022100104) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 21 November 2022. The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that California Department of Water Resources' adopted environmental document comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Public Resources Code, section 21167.3.) The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and finds that the environmental document prepared by California Department of Water Resources addresses the Project's water resource impacts. (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subd. (f).) The environmental document includes the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) developed by California Department of Water Resources for all mitigation measures that have been adopted for the Project to reduce potential significant impacts. (Public Resources Code, section 21081.6, subd. (a)(1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15074, subd. (d).)

B. Incorporation by Reference

Pursuant to CEQA, these Findings of Facts (Findings) support the issuance of this Order based on the Project IS/MND, the application for this Order, and other supplemental documentation.

All CEQA project impacts, including those discussed in subsection C below, are analyzed in detail in the Project Final IS/MND which is incorporated herein by reference. The Project IS/MND is available at: [CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov](https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov) (<https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/Project/2022100104>).

Requirements under the purview of the Central Valley Water Board in the MMRP are incorporated herein by reference.

The Permittee's application for this Order, including all supplemental information provided, are incorporated herein by reference.

C. Findings

The IS/MND states that there are no potentially significant environmental effects to water resources.

D. Determination

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project, when implemented in accordance with the MMRP and the conditions in this Order, will not result in any significant adverse water resource impacts. (California Code of

Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subd (h).) The Central Valley Water Board will file a NOD with the SCH within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Order. (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subd. (i).)