

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; SERRANO ASSOCIATES, LLC, SERRANO VILLAGE A SEWER LINE PROJECT (WDID#5A09CR00235A2), EL DORADO COUNTY

This Order responds to the 29 May 2026 request for an amendment of the Serrano Village A Sewer Line Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5A09CR00235). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 8 November 2023 and amended on 13 December 2023. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

Serrano Associates, LLC is requesting to include dewatering activities in the perennial creek that will result in an additional 0.019 acre of temporary impacts, for a total of 0.023 acre. Unanticipated groundwater infiltration in the work area requires dewatering.

The Certification is amended as shown below:

Section VII. Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	0.023	32.26	

Section XIII.G.1. Dewatering

- The Permittee shall develop and maintain on-site a Surface Water Diversion and/or Dewatering Plan(s). The Plan(s) must be developed prior to initiation of any water diversions. The Plan(s) shall include the proposed method and duration of diversion activities and include water quality monitoring conducted, as described in section XIII.C.3, during the entire duration of dewatering and

diversion activities. The Plan(s) must be consistent with this Order and must be made available to the Central Valley Water Board staff upon request.

- b. For any temporary dam or other artificial obstruction being constructed, maintained, or placed in operation, sufficient water shall at all times be allowed to pass downstream, to maintain beneficial uses of waters of the state below the dam. Construction, dewatering, and removal of temporary cofferdams shall not violate section XIII.C.3.
- c. The temporary dam or other artificial obstruction shall only be built from clean materials such as sandbags, gravel bags, water dams, or clean/washed gravel which will cause little or no siltation. Stream flow shall be temporarily diverted using gravity flow through temporary culverts/pipes or pumped around the work site with the use of hoses.
- d. If water is present, the area must be dewatered prior to start of work.
- e. Dewatering may/will occur within the Project area.
- f. This Order does not allow permanent water diversion of flow from the receiving water. This Order is invalid if any water is permanently diverted as a part of the project.
- g. The Permittee shall work with the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under an NPDES permit for dewatering activities that result in discharges into surface water.

Section XIII.J. Table 3: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts

Aquatic Resource Type	Mitigation Type	Units	Est.	Re-est.	Reh.	Enh.	Pres.	Unknown
Stream Channel	Permittee Responsible	Acres		0.023				

Attachment G, Section II.G.1. Dewatering

Conditions related to dewatering and diversions ensure protection of beneficial uses during construction activities. Work in waters of the state and temporary diversions must not cause exceedances of water quality objectives; accordingly, these conditions require implementation of best practicable treatments and controls to prevent pollution and nuisance, and to maintain water quality consistent with the Basin Plan and Antidegradation Policy. Further and consistent with the Dredge or Fill Procedures, section IV.A.2.c, water quality monitoring plans are required for any in-water work. Finally, dewatering activities may require a Clean Water Act section 402 permit or separate Waste Discharge Requirements under Water Code section 13263 for dewatering activities that result in discharges to land.

Conditions related to water rights permits are required pursuant to California Code of Regs, title 23, section 3856(e), which requires complete copies of any final and signed federal, state, or local licenses, permits, and agreements (or copies of drafts if not finalized) that will be required for any construction, operation, maintenance, or other actions associated with the activity.

Conditions related to monitoring and reporting are required to provide the Central Valley Water Board necessary project information and oversight to ensure project discharges are complying with applicable Basin Plan requirements. These monitoring and reporting requirements are consistent with the Central Valley Water Board's authority to investigate the quality of any waters of the state and require necessary monitoring and reporting pursuant to Water Code sections 13267 and 13383. Water Code section 13267 authorizes the regional boards to require any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste to provide technical or monitoring program reports required by the regional board. Water Code section 13383 authorizes the regional boards to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and other recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by Water Code section 13160, for any person who discharges, or proposes to discharge, to navigable waters.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$2,734.00 for the original Certification were received on 17 October 2023. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3383(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), as was calculated as category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from 5 June 2026 to 26 June 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Serrano Village A Sewer Line Project (WDID#5A09CR00235A2). All other conditions and provisions of the original Water Quality Certification and any previously approved amendments remain in full

force and effect, except as modified based on the conditions of this Order. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the original Water Quality Certification, previously approved amendments, or of this Order may result in suspension or revocation of the Water Quality Certification.

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