
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CALTRANS, EA: 03-3G560 ED 49 REHABILITATE CULVERTS PROJECT 1 (WDID# 5A09CR00251), EL DORADO COUNTY

On 11 July 2025, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 25 February 2022 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2021 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order) for the EA: 03-3G560 ED 49 Rehabilitate Culverts Project 1 (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/106 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 #3a (Maintenance 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](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Order webpage and is enclosed.

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 1 July 2025, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The EA: 03-3G560 ED 49 Rehabilitate Culverts Project 1 (Project) consists of the replacement and rehabilitation of culverts to preserve and prolong the service life of drainage systems on State Route 49. Work in waters of the state is anticipated from culvert replacement and installation of headwalls at postmiles 17.79 and 19.57. Dewatering may be necessary depending on site conditions at the time of construction.

The Project will permanently impact 0.00042 acre/18.5 linear feet and temporarily impact 0.01 acre/102.7 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Postmile 17.79 and 19.57 on State Route 49 in El Dorado County

Latitude: 38.75529 and Longitude: -120.83482

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

1 June 2026 through 31 October 2026.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 9 June 2025.

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 E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Olivia Ilsley by phone at (916) 464-4673 or by email at Olivia.Ilsley@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walter for:

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Board Certification of the 2021 Nationwide Permits General
Water Quality Certification and Order

Attachments: Figure 1: Culvert 3 Impact Map
Figure 2: Culvert 10 Impact Map

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