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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER SB12006GN,  
AMENDED ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER  
QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS,  
RESTORATION OF CALDOR FIRE-AFFECTED WATERSHEDS: INSTREAM  
HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT (WDID#5A09CR00252), EL DORADO COUNTY**

On 14 July 2025, the United States Forest Service, El Dorado National Forest submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. SB12006GN, Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

The Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Restoration of Caldor Fire-Affected Watersheds: Instream Habitat Restoration Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. SB12006GN. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order SB12006GN](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/srhcpcert032713.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/srhcpcert032713.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/srhcpcert032713.pdf)) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage and is enclosed.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. SB12006GN. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. SB12006GN constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The 170,000-acre Project consists of enhancing large wood concentrations and structures in streams throughout the Caldor Fire area by falling dead or damaged trees to increase instream shading, improve habitat, and increase sediment capture on

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approximately 5 stream miles in fire-affected drainages.

The specific activities include:

- Hand falling dead trees into channels, with location and frequency determined by El Dorado National Forest (ENF) based on existing coarse wood jams, gradient, and stream type;
- Hand-cutting dead trees to lengths 4 feet longer than the channel and embedding in channel banks using small excavator to key logs into banks; and
- Reorientating channel rock fragments to create rock riffles.

All work will be field directed by ENF staff. Work requiring an excavator will be conducted in areas that can be accessed via existing forest roads, skid trails, and disturbed areas within the Caldor Fire footprint. The work will be completed across a widely dispersed area over 3 field seasons to reduce the impacts to a particular waterbody or watershed. Work will be prioritized in the Steely Fork Cosumnes, Sly Park Creek, North Tragedy Creek, Long Canyon-Silver Fork American, and Upper North Fork Cosumnes watersheds, in Van Horn Creek, Martin Creek, and Park Creek. Work will be completed on up to 75 individual stream segments.

The Project will permanently impact 4.34 acres/498 linear feet of Streambed habitat.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is located in the El Dorado National Forest near Grizzly Flat, CA. The Project Area is almost entirely within the Caldor Fire boundary and is generally bounded on: the south by Omo Ranch Rd and State Highway 88, the west by El Dorado County Route E16, the north by US Highway 50, and the east by the State Highways 88 and 89. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 38°42'21.33" and longitude -120°18'54.41".

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

August 2025 through October 2028

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

Federal dischargers involved in Dredge and Fill Operations only are not subject to permit fees as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION:**

Upon completion of the Project, you shall submit a Notice of Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after Project completion. The NOC shall demonstrate the Project was carried out in accordance with the Project description, include a map of the Project location with final boundaries of the restoration area, and include post-project photographs. More information on the NOC is listed in section B.6 of the Order.

United States Forest Service  
El Dorado National Forest  
Restoration of Caldor Fire-Affected Watersheds:  
Instream Habitat Restoration Project

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If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Sara Gevorgyan by phone at (916) 464-4710 or by email at [Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Enclosure: Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality  
Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File # SB12006GN

Attachment: Figure 1: Location Map

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