
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, YUBA PASS SOH (SEPARATION OVERHEAD) BRIDGE PROJECT (WDID#5A29CR00140A2), NEVADA AND PLACER COUNTIES

This Order responds to the 12 January 2026 request for an amendment of the Yuba Pass SOH Overhead Bridge Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5A29CR00140). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 16 October 2023. The Certification was amended on 8 March 2024. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

California Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to include extending an existing culvert and associated platform to allow equipment to operate more efficiently. The total temporary impacts will be increased by 0.004 acre of temporary impacts to stream channel habitat.

The Certification is amended to reflect the updates in Section VII as shown below:

VII. DESCRIPTION OF DIRECT IMPACTS TO WATERS OF THE STATE

Placement of fill into wetland and waters of the state to accommodate roadway widening will temporarily impact 0.39 acre of wetland and 0.004 acre of stream channel and permanently impact 0.01 acre of lake and 0.06 acre of stream channel.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Tables 1 through 2. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition.

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

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Wetland	0.39	210.22	3,143.33
Stream Channel	0.004		

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$2,734.00 and \$8,474.00 for the original Certification were received on 20 September 2023 and 5 October 2023, respectively. 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Yuba Pass SOH Overhead Bridge Project (WDID#5A29CR00140A2). 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.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
For Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Attachment: Figure 1 – Project Location Map

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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.

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Figure 1 Project Location Map

