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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY, MIDDLE FORK INTERBAY SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT (WDID#5A31CR00472A1), PLACER COUNTY**

This Order responds to the 29 June 2020 request for an amendment of the Middle Fork Interbay Sediment Removal Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5A31CR00472). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 18 May 2018. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

#### **AMENDMENT:**

Placer County Water Agency is requesting a modification to Project activities to address the mobilized sediment and inoperable low-level outlet discovered following initial Certification. The amendment will allow Placer County Water Agency to repair the low-level outlet, improve powerhouse operation, and prevent further migration of sediment within the reservoir.

The Certification is amended as shown below:

#### **VII. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State**

Excavated sediment from within the Project area will be disposed at the EBRL Sediment Disposal Area, shown in Map 1. The 6.5-mile sediment haul route is shown in Map 2. Location and quantity of sediment to be excavated is provided in Map 3. Sediment removal will consist of excavating and disposing off-site 65,000 cubic yards of sediment from 6.3 acres of stream channel near the Powerhouse and low-level outlet. Temporary fill will be placed into 0.20 acre of stream channel for a 50-foot wide diversion dam (74 cubic yards) and two stages of streamflow bypass systems (409 cubic yards each) to dewater the work area, and temporary access ramps (100 cubic yards).

**Table 1: Total Project Temporary Impact Quantity**

<b>Aquatic Resource Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Linear Feet</b>
Stream Channel	6.5	2,310

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

\$90,508.00 was received on 25 November 2020 for this amendment. Total fees of \$11,176.00 for the original Certification were received on 24 April 2018. 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).

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the amendment request pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from 8 January 2021 to 29 January 2021. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301 – existing facilities and 15304 – minor alterations to land.

On 17 July 2020, the Placer County Water Agency, as lead agency, adopted an initial study/mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No.2020070365) for the disposal activities associated with the Project generated sediment and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 21 August 2020. Pursuant to CEQA.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Middle Fork Interbay Sediment Removal Project (WDID#5A31CR00472A1). 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 James Marshall for:*

Patrick Pulupa  
Executive Officer

Attachments: Map 1 – Project Location Map  
Map 2 – Sediment Disposal Route  
Map 3 – Impacts Within Waters of the U.S./ State

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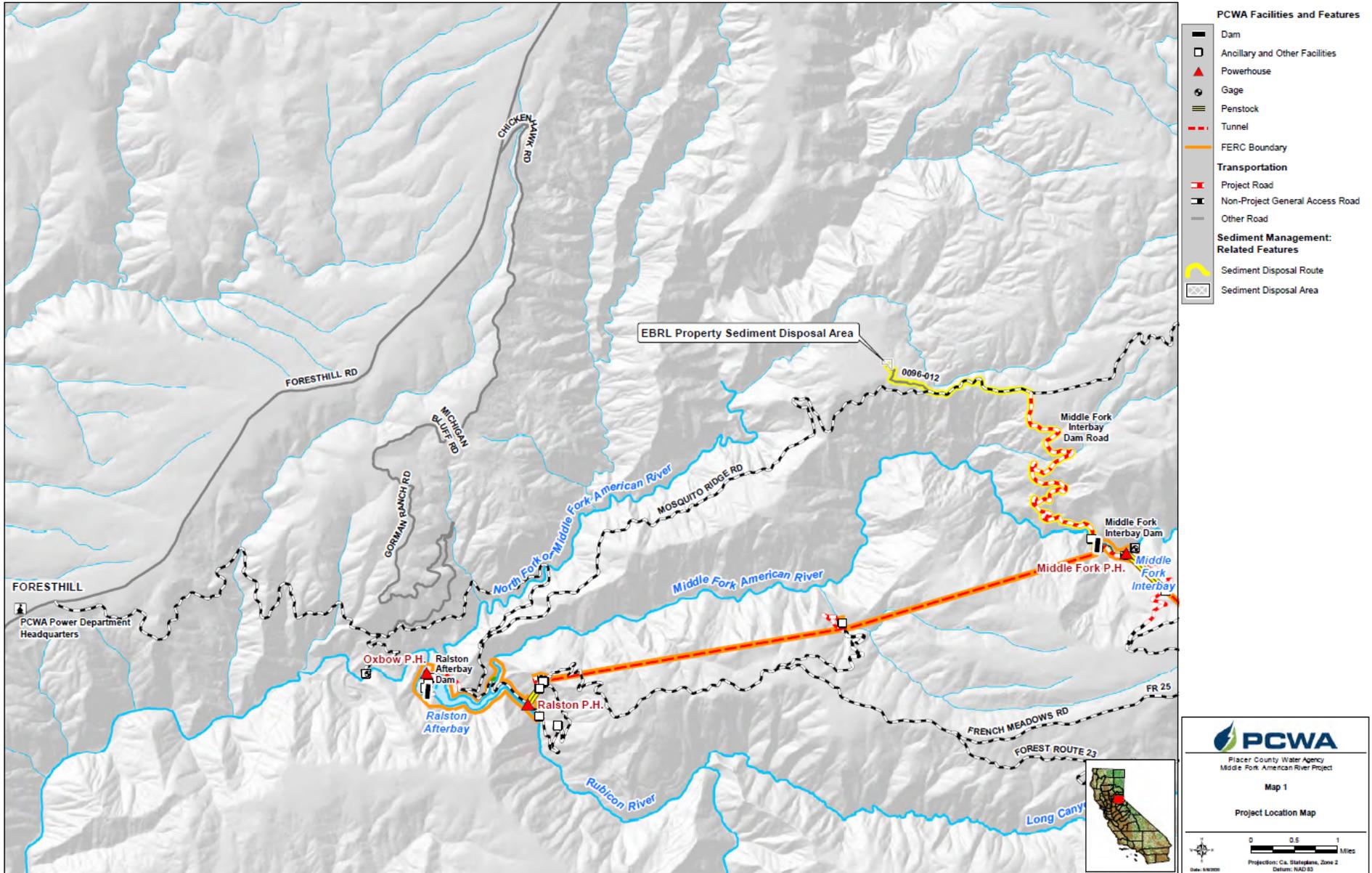
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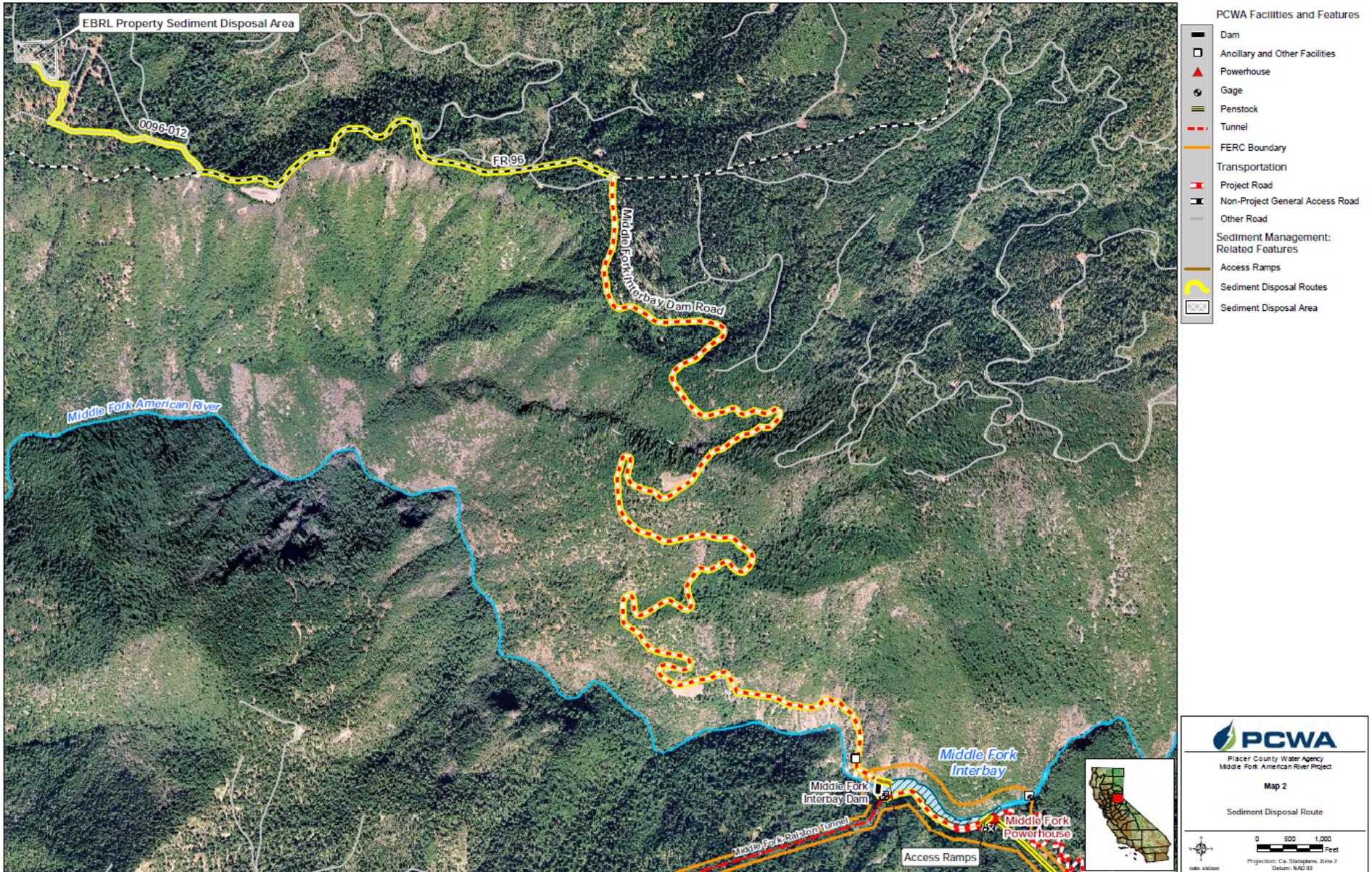
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Figure

Summary of Excavation and Temporary Fill within Middle Fork Interbay.					
	Impact Type		Impact Quantity		
	Permanent	Temporary	Linear Feet	Volume (Cu Yds)	Acres
<b>Excavation</b>					
Sediment Removal	X			65,000	6.3
<b>Temporary Fill</b>					
Super Sack Dam (assumes 7 super sacks)		X		74	0.0150
Streamflow Bypass System (36" culvert)		X	60	16	0.0041
Streamflow Bypass System (30" above-ground pipe)		X	2,250	409	0.1291
Improvements at Access Ramps		X		100	0.05
<b>Temporary Fill Total</b>			<b>2,310</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>0.20</b>

