



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

19 May 2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ORDER FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS STATEWIDE (ORDER NO. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ), MTN CONSULTING AND RESTORATION LLC, IRON HORSE CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT (WDID NO. 5A32CR00263), PLUMAS COUNTY

On 7 April 2026, MTN Consulting and Restoration LLC (Applicant) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under State Water Resources Control Board's Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ (Statewide Restoration General Order) for the Iron Horse Creek Restoration Project (Project). After review of the NOI 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 the Statewide Restoration General Order.

This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued at the request of MTN Consulting and Restoration LLC (hereinafter Enrollee) under the Statewide Restoration General Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations. Although the Statewide Restoration General Order may also serve as a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification, this NOA is being issued solely as waste discharge requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code, § 13000 et seq.)

NOA Effective Date: 19 May 2026

NOA Expiration Date: 19 May 2031

A copy of the Statewide Restoration General Order is enclosed. You may also access the Statewide Restoration General Order on State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders Web Page: [Order WQ 2022-0048-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf).

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the Statewide Restoration General Order. Failure to comply with this NOA and the Statewide Restoration General Order constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action and/or termination of enrollment under the Statewide Restoration General Order. The Project is described in the NOI Form requesting coverage and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the Statewide Restoration General Order is no longer valid if the Project is modified from that described in the Application Package.

I. Public Notice

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 10 April 2026 to 1 May 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

II. Project Description

The Project proposes the construction of 14 grade control structures averaging 14' W x 10' L x 2' D within the primary tributary (hereinafter Iron Horse Creek). Channel fill treatments will also be completed within Iron Horse Creek and a headcut that has formed an ephemeral tributary due to the downcutting of the primary channel. Channel fill treatments will fill approximately 0.22 acres of stream channel and headcuts to a depth of 2-6 feet in order to restore floodplain connectivity.

Equipment will enter the project area through existing roads and will enter the active channel along the access route shown in Attachment A, Figure 2. No additional discharge of material will be required for equipment access.

The project has been designed to avoid and minimize impacts to waters of the state to the maximum extent possible. All temporary access and staging areas will avoid mapped aquatic resources to the extent possible. Construction will take place after the creek has dried to reduce offsite sediment transport. Erosion control and revegetation treatments will occur immediately following construction to prevent future erosion and flow modification of treatment areas.

III. Project Location

Address: 6036 Iron Horse Drive

Assessor's Parcel No.: 126-250-002-000

County: Plumas Counties

Latitude: 39.792950° and Longitude: -120.500938°

IV. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fifth Edition, February 2019 (Basin Plan). The plan for the

region and other plans and policies may be accessed at the [State Water Resources Control Board's Plans and Policies Web page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/). The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This NOA promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

Project impact and receiving waters information can be found in Attachment B. Table 1 of Attachment B shows the receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the state impacted by the Project. Individual impact location and quantity are shown in Table 2 of Attachment B.

V. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. 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 Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Streambed/Stream bank	0.26	2,936	440

VI. Project Schedule

Estimated project schedule is planned between 1 June and 30 November 2026.

VII. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

On 20 April 2026, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, North Central Region 2, as lead agency, determined that the project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061. Specifically, the project was determined to be categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. California Department of Fish & Wildlife filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse (SCH) on 21 April 2026 (SCH No. 2026040941).

The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21069) and has reviewed and comports with the lead

agency's determination. Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333.

The Central Valley Water Board will file an NOE with the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Order. (California Code of Regulations., title 14, section 15062.)

VIII. Fees Received

An application fee of \$1,123.00 was received on 9 April 2026. 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 D - Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

IX. Findings of Applicability

This letter serves as formal notice that Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ is applicable to this habitat restoration project. Your waste discharge identification (WDID) number is 5A32CR00263.

X. Conditions

The Enrollee shall comply with all applicable conditions of the Statewide Restoration General Order, including but not limited to the following:

A. Reporting and Notification Requirements

1. In-Water Work and Diversions:

The Enrollee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in flowing or standing water or stream diversions. Notification may be via email, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

XI. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Jerred Ferguson at (530) 224-4784 or Jerred.Ferguson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO

For Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

5/19/2026

Date

Attachment A: Project Maps
Attachment B: Receiving Waters, Impacts, and Mitigation Information
Attachment C: CEQA Findings of Facts

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Order for Waste Discharge
Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide, Order No.
WQ 2022-0048-DWQ

cc email: U.S. EPA, Region 9, San Francisco
Water Quality Certification Program, SWRCB, Sacramento
Christy Morgan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
Alyssa Obester, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2

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Attachment A – Project Maps

Figure 1. Project Location Map

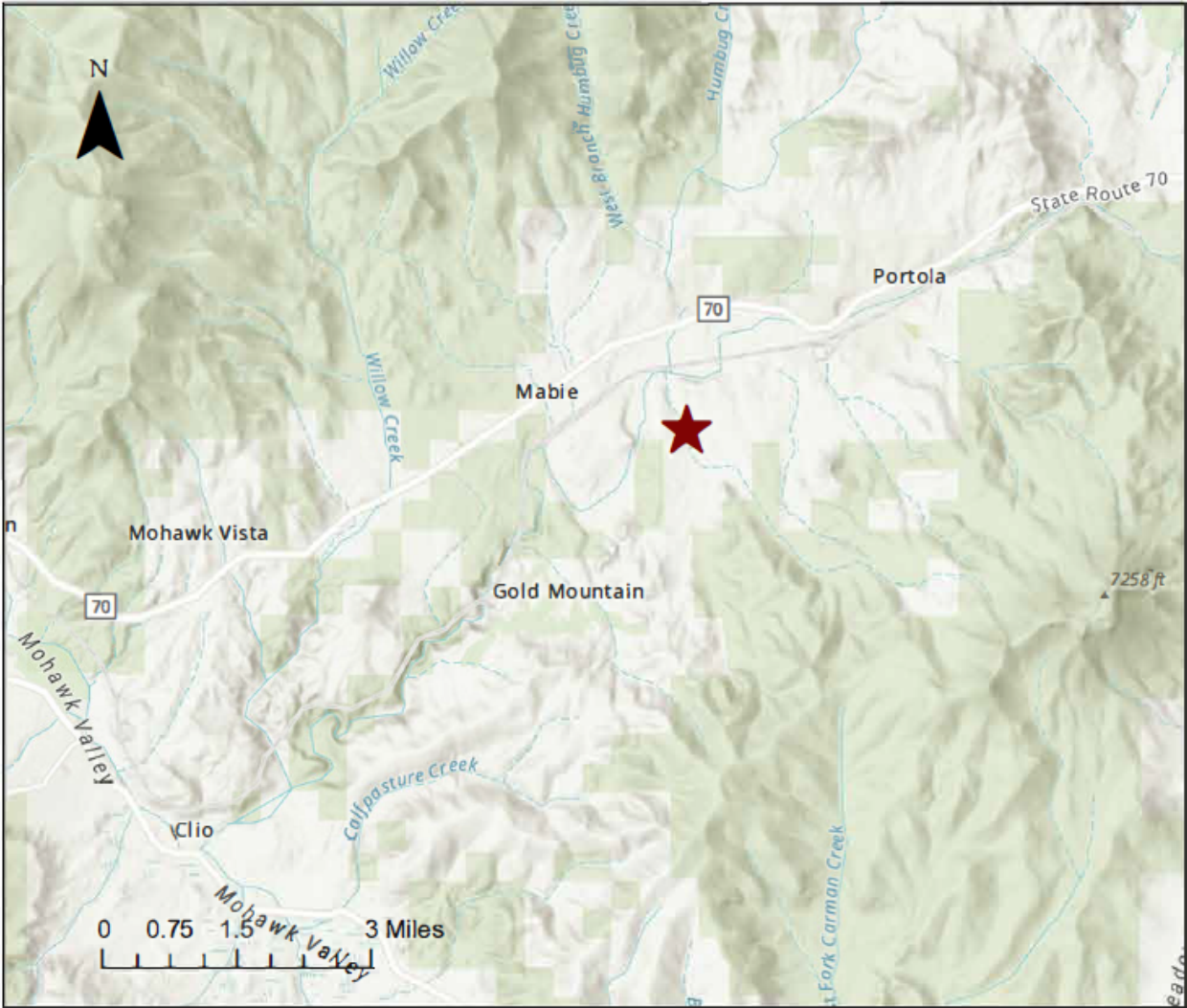


Figure 2. Project Activity Map

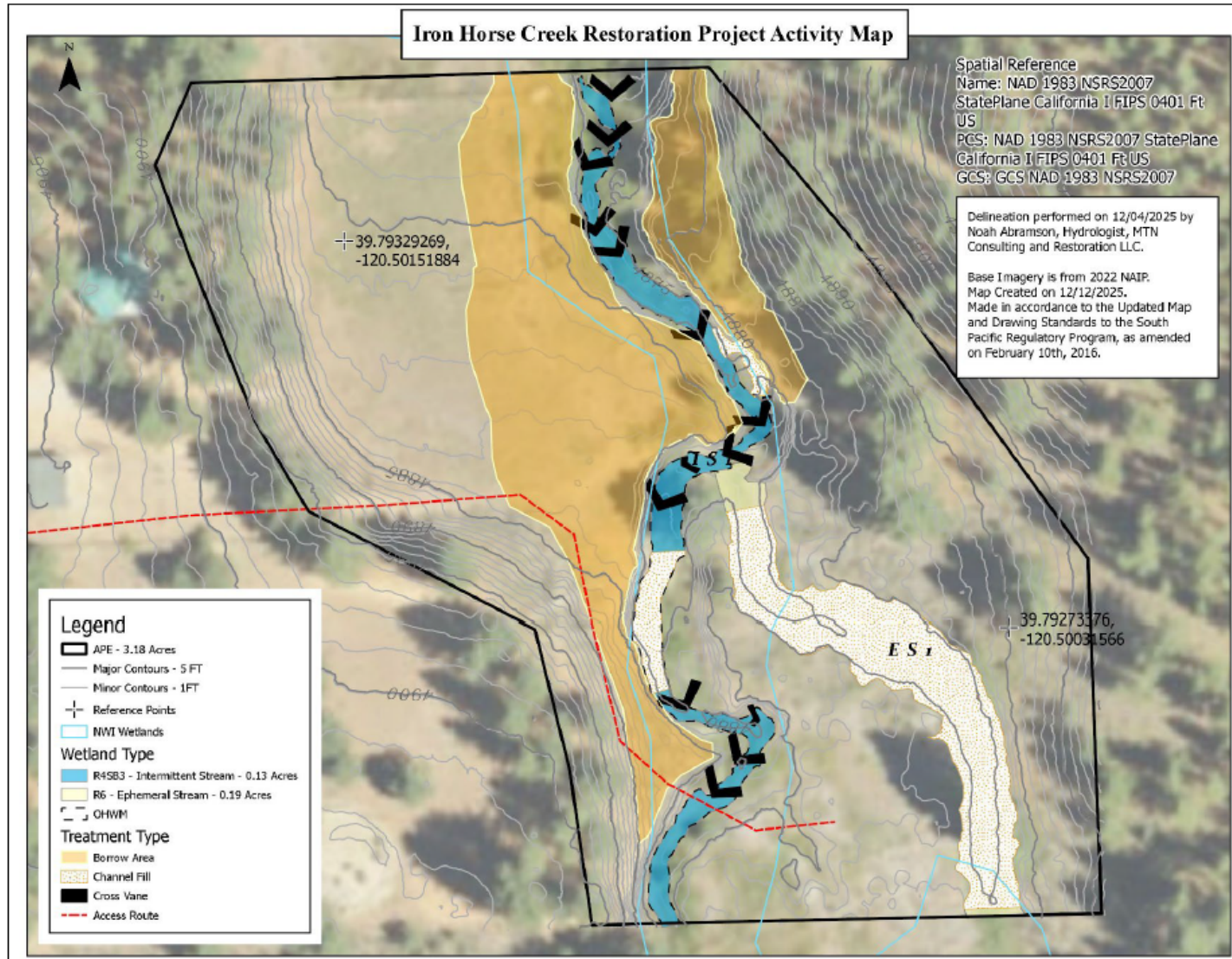
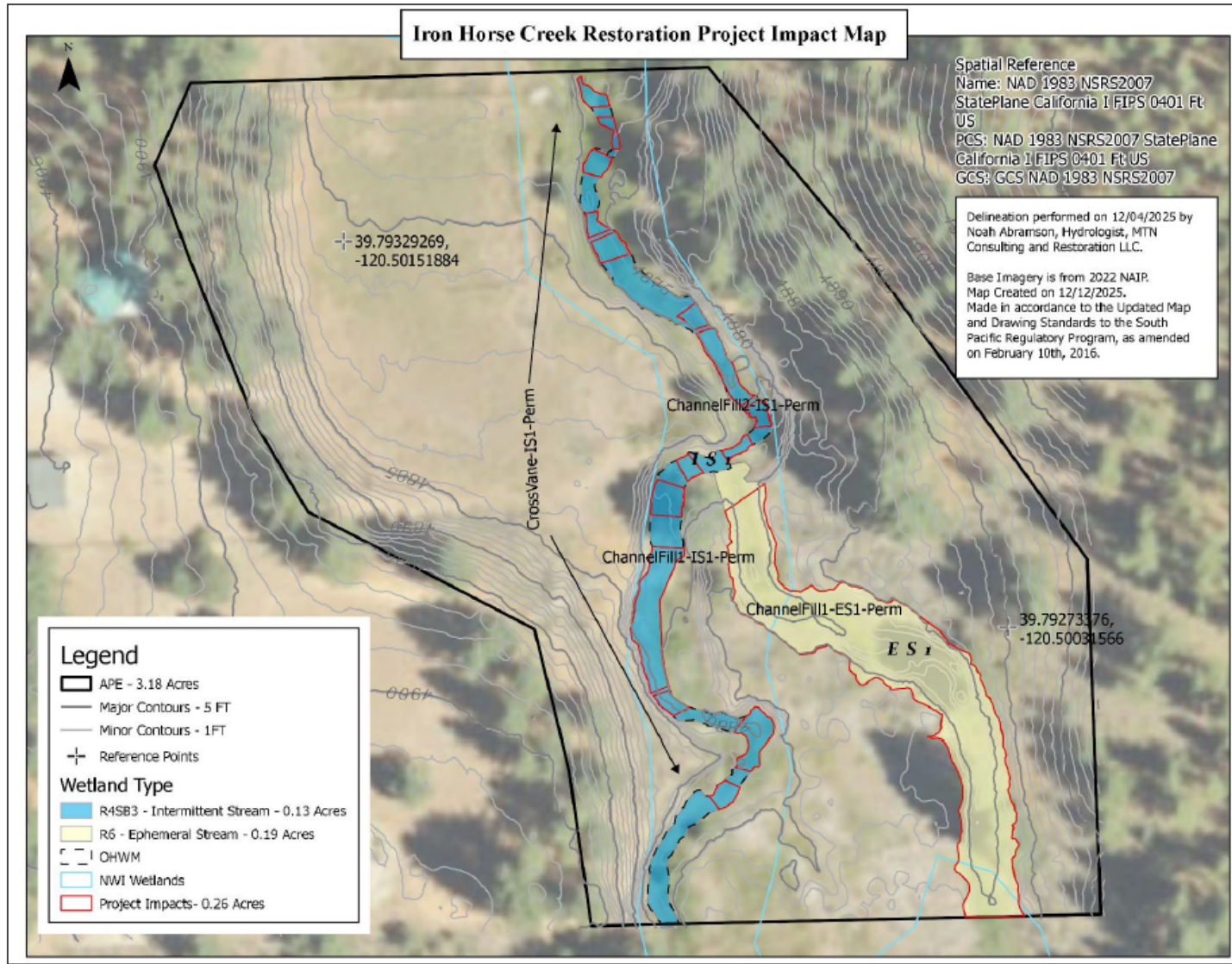


Figure 3. Project Impact Map



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Attachment B – Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

Table 1: Receiving Water Information

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resources Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Iron Horse Creek Restoration Project	Iron Horse Creek and unnamed tributary	Stream Channel	518.33	Middle Fork Feather River	MUN, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, SPWN, WILD	Oxygen, Dissolved, Aluminum, Specific Conductivity	N/A

Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following table shows individual impacts.

Table 2: Individual Permanent Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Iron Horse Creek Restoration Project (Stream Channel)	39.792950°	-120.500938°	No	0.26	2,936	440

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FINDINGS FOR CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT

On 16 August 2022, State Water Resources Control Board, as lead agency, certified a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2019100230) for the Statewide Restoration General Order and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 12 September 2022.

The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that State Water Resources Control Board's PEIR comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Public Resources Code, section 21167.3; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15231.)

The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed and considered the PEIR and finds that the environmental document addresses the Project's impacts within the scope of the Board's jurisdiction and that no additional environmental review is required. (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subdivision (f), 15162, 15163.)

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will file a Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research within five (5) working days of issuance of this NOA. (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096, subdivision (i).)