



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL ORDER NO. R5-2019-0023, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF THE SOUTH SACRAMENTO HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT, SAPPHIRE SUBDIVISION PROJECT (WDID#5A34CR00759-035), SACRAMENTO COUNTY

On 11 October 2024, the Saca Development submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) General Order No. R5-2019-0023, Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification of the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan Programmatic General Permit.

The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Sapphire Subdivision Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, General Order R5-2019-0023. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of the General Order No. R5-2019-0023 can be found on the [Central Valley Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/sacramento/r5-2019-0023.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/sacramento/r5-2019-0023.pdf).

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of General Order R5-2019-0023. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with General Order R5-2019-0023 constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 41-acre Project consists of 209 single-family residential lots on about 28.65 acres, 2.11 acres of landscape lots, and subdivision roadways and supporting infrastructure. The road system is planned to connect with the local roadway system depicted in the

NVSSP land use plan and as proposed as part of planned/pending subdivision developments to the west and east.

The Applicant shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, as amended for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavations, and other land disturbance activities of one or more acres, or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include direct impacts from the development of the property. The Project will permanently impact 0.031 acre of vernal pool, 0.325 acre of seasonal wetland, and 0.069 acre of drainage ditch.

PROJECT TYPE

Residential

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located directly south of and adjacent to Florin Road and about 0.5 mile east of Bradshaw Road.

Section 4, Township 7 North, Range 6 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 38.492644° N and Longitude: 121.329093° W

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Construction is expected to begin in April 2025 and end in December 2029.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION

To mitigate for the loss of 0.031 acre of vernal pool, 0.325 acre of seasonal wetland, and 0.069 acre of drainage ditch, the Applicant shall purchase a minimum of 0.33 seasonal wetland, 0.03 vernal pool and 0.07 open water mitigation credits from SSHCP for the impacted watershed prior to commencing construction. The Applicant shall provide evidence of all off-site compensatory mitigation to the Central Valley Water Board. Evidence of on-site compensatory mitigation shall be provided with the Notice of Completion. At a minimum, compensatory mitigation must achieve a ratio of 1:1 for permanent impacts.

Compensatory mitigation must comply with the effective policy, which ensures no overall net loss of wetlands for impacts to waters of the state, at the time of Certification.

Evidence of compliance with compensatory mitigation requirements includes providing a letter from the in-lieu fee recipient. The letter must: a) be on the in-lieu fee recipient's letterhead; b) be signed by an authorized representative of the in-lieu fee recipient; c) indicate the United States Army Corps of Engineers' SPK number; d) describe the Project name and location; and e) detail the type of in-lieu fees paid for the Project's impacts.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,985.00 was received on 14 October 2024. The remaining application fee balance of \$8,456.00 was received on 15 July 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

PROJECT SPECIFIC AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:

The proposed Project will comply with all applicable measures identified within the SSHCP Project Specific Avoidance and Minimization Measures Checklist, submitted as Attachment 5 of the application. The Applicant will implement the Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs) and construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) outlined in the the Habitat Conservation Program/Natural Community Conservation Program (HCP/NCCP) document and General Order No. R5-2019-0023.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Carter Cook at (916) 464-4699 or Carter.Cook@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:
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Executive Officer

Enclosure: General Order No. R5-2019-0023, Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification of the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan Programmatic General Permit

Attachments: Figure 1 – Site and Vicinity
Figure 2 – Impacts to Aquatic Resources

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Figure 1: Site and Vicinity

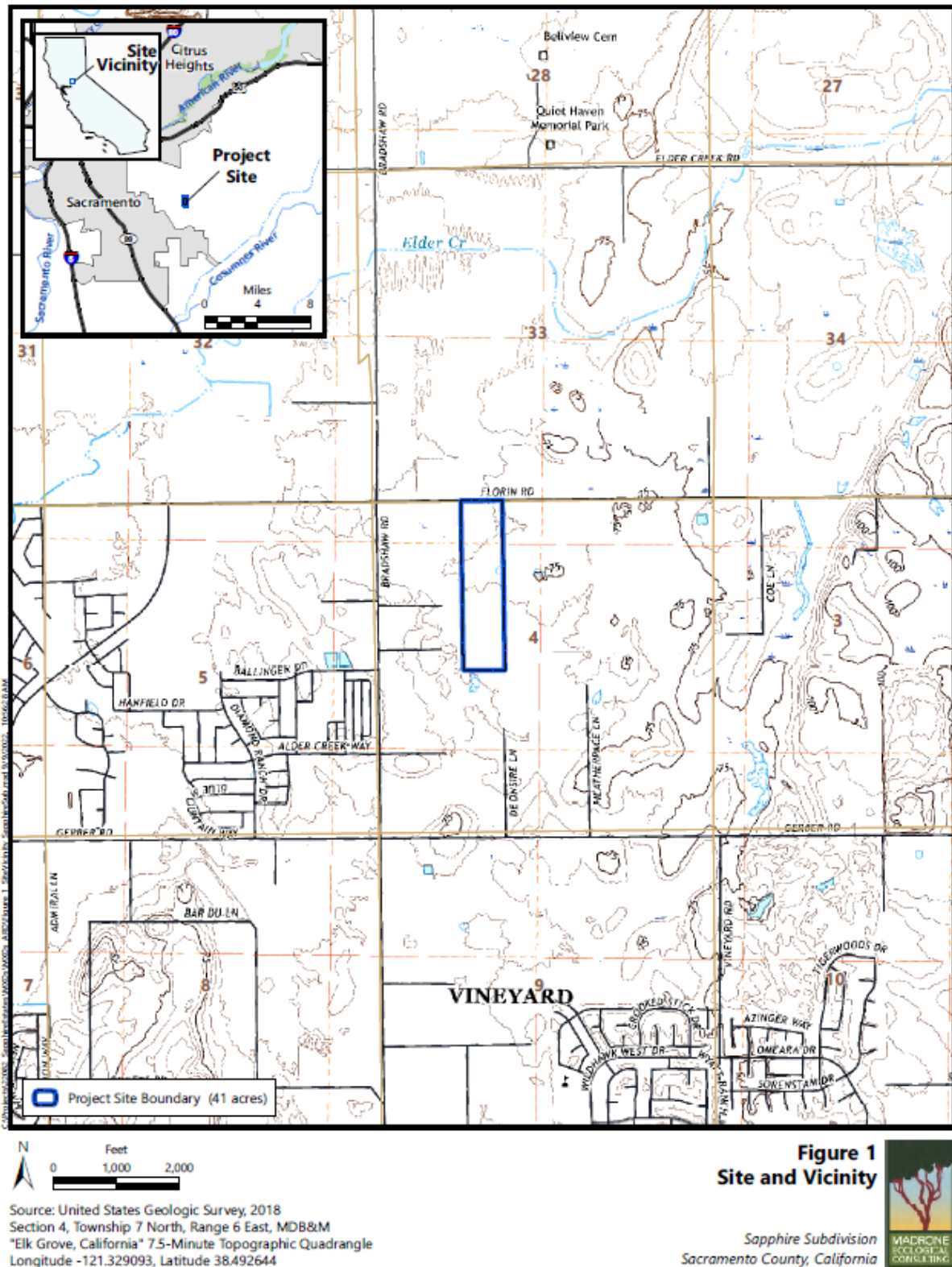


Figure 2: Impacts to Aquatic Resources

