
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, VINEYARD SPRINGS FIRE STATION PROJECT (WDID#5A34CR00759-039), SACRAMENTO COUNTY

On 18 February 2026, the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District 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 Application was deemed complete on 24 March 2026. Prior to receiving a complete application, Central Valley Water Board staff issued a notice of incomplete application and the Permittee responded to the request for application information on the following date(s):

Date of Notice of Incomplete Application: **19 March 2026**
Date all requested information was received: **24 March 2026**

The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Vineyard Springs Fire Station 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 4.6-acre Project consists of constructing a new Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District fire station to improve response times to communities in Sacramento County. The Project will construct a new 10,300 square foot fire station and associated infrastructure, including roadways and stormwater treatment basins.

Portions of the site will be graded prior to construction. Fill material will be used to construct an elevated area for the fire station to ensure that the floor level of the station is a minimum of 18 inches above the 100-year floodplain. Additional areas of the site will be excavated approximately 6 inches below current elevation to ensure that the flood storage area displaced by the placement of fill material will not reduce the floodplain's ability to store floodwater within the Project site.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include grading and excavating the Project site. The Project will permanently impact 0.193 acre of seasonal wetland habitat.

PROJECT TYPE

Mixed Use Development

ADDITIONAL CONDITION:

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 LOCATION:

The Project is located at 8101 Bradshaw Road in Sacramento.

Section 16, Township 7 North, Range 6 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 36.46311° and Longitude: -121.33354°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

2026 through 2028

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION

To mitigate for the loss of 0.193 acre of seasonal wetland habitat, the Applicant shall purchase a minimum of 0.19 vernal pool In-Lieu Fee Credits from the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP) In-Lieu Fee program for the impacted watershed. The Applicant shall provide evidence of compensatory mitigation to the Central Valley Water Board prior to initiating construction. 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.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$7,133.00 was received on 28 February 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

ANNUAL FEES:

This NOA is subject to annual billing based on the fee schedule in effect at the time of billing. Annual billing will continue until the Project, including monitoring, is complete and the Water Board receives an acceptable request for a Notice of Project Complete Letter (see Attachment C of General Order No. R5-2019-0023). Invoices are usually sent out at the end of each calendar year.

To stop annual billing, the Permittee must request a Notice of Project Complete Letter from the Water Board. Water Board staff will verify if the conditions of the Certification are met and may conduct a site visit to confirm compliance.

For more information on fees, visit the State Water Board's Water Quality Fees website [Water Quality Fees | California State Water Resources Control Board](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/), under Water Quality Certification (WQC) Program Fees.

PROJECT SPECIFIC AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:

The applicant shall implement all applicable Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMS) outlined in the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan document.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Nicholas Savino at (916) 464-4920 or Nicholas.Savino@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
For Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Attachments: Figure 1: Project Location
Figure 2: Aquatic Resources on Site
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Figure 1: Project Location

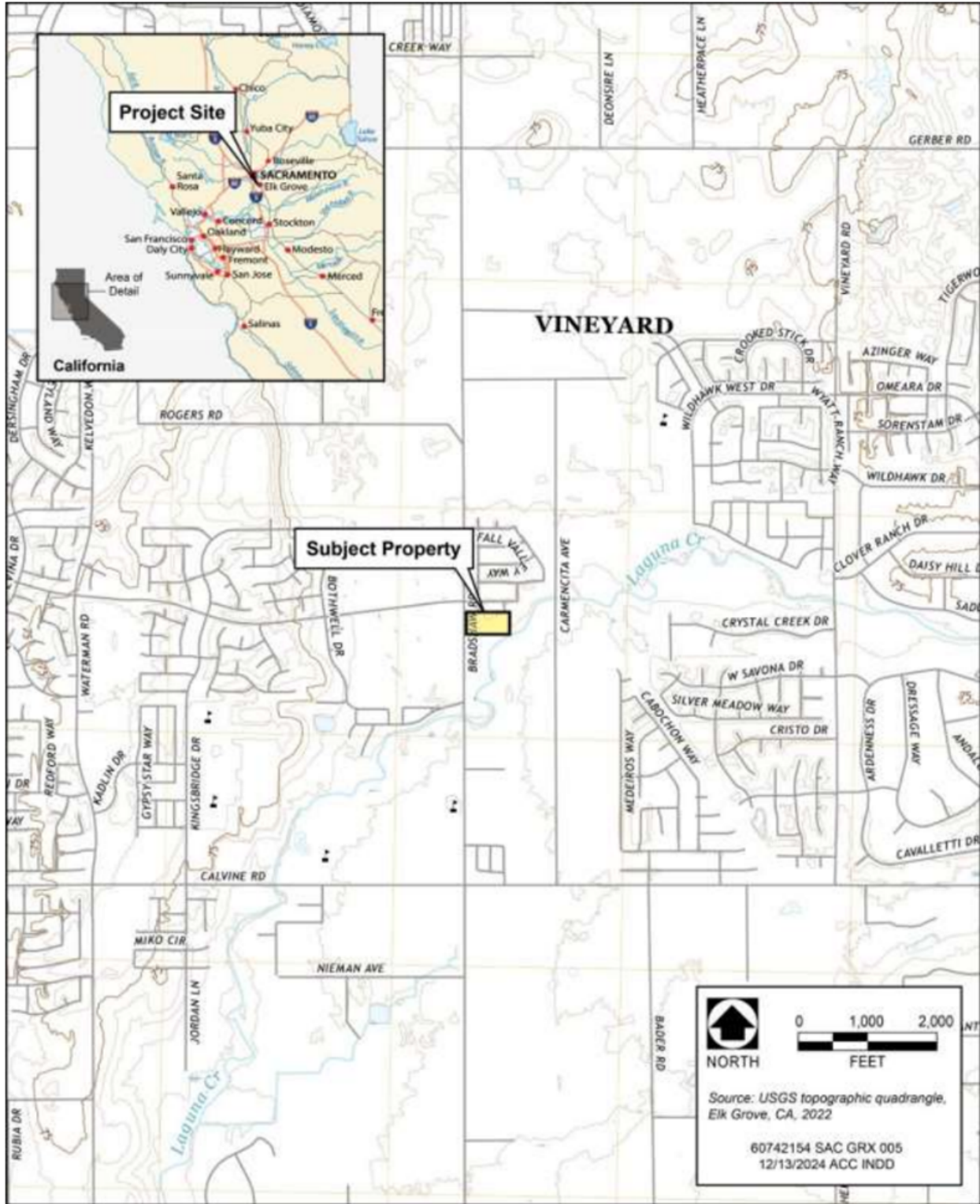


Figure 2: Aquatic Resources on Site

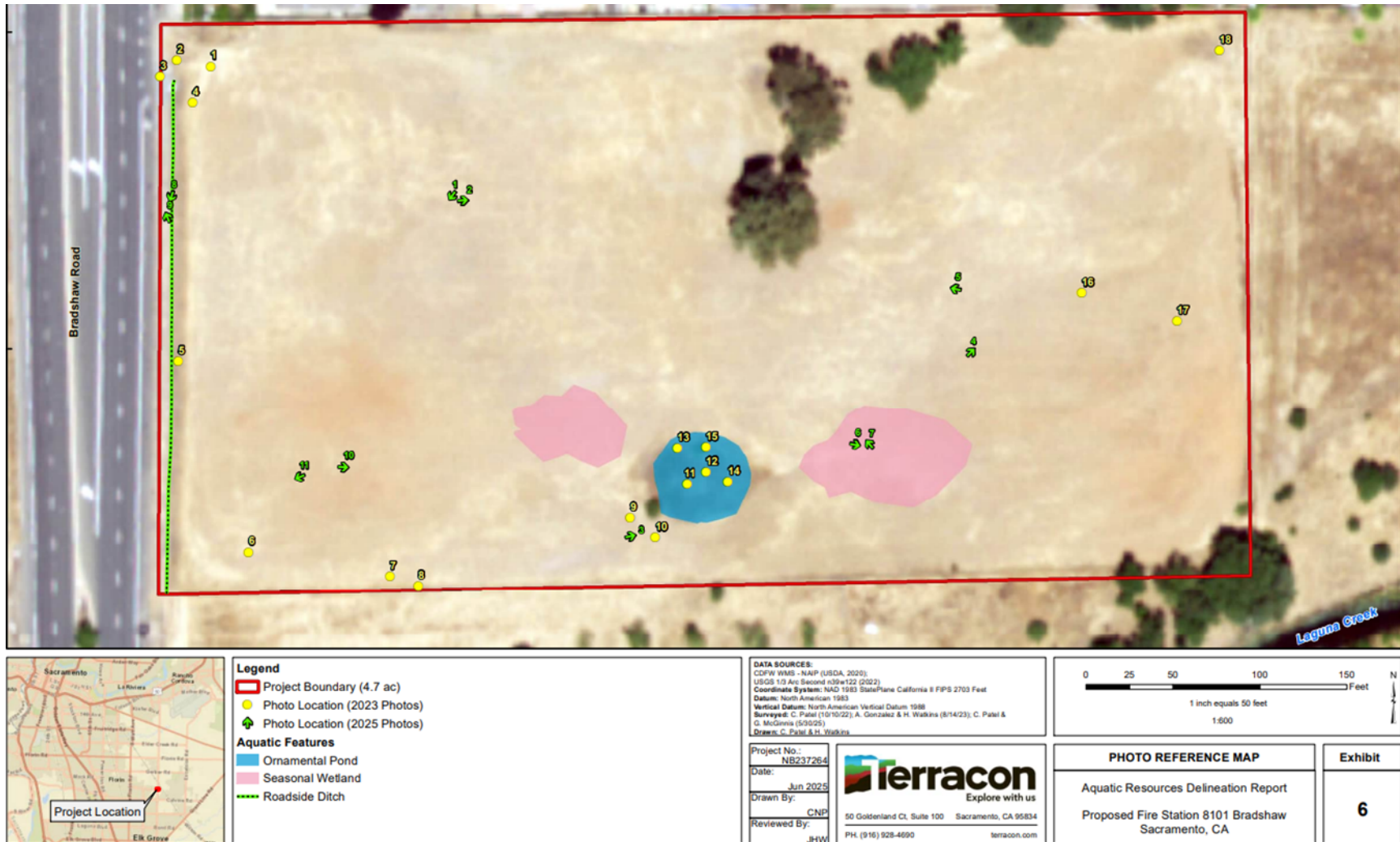


Figure 3: Project Design

