
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER NO. 2023-0058-DWQ,
STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES
OF DREDGED OR FILL MATERIAL TO WATERS OF THE STATE FROM
EMERGENCY REPAIR AND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, 273 DRAINAGE 02-5T200
PROJECT (WDID NO. 5A45CR00707), SHASTA COUNTY**

On 8 October 2026, California Department of Transportation submitted a request for coverage of the 273 Drainage 02-5T200 Project (Project) under State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2023-0058-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State from Emergency Repair and Protection Activities (General Dredge or Fill WDR). After reviewing the enrollment materials, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for coverage under the General Dredge or Fill WDR.

This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued to California Department of Transportation (hereinafter Enrollee) by the Central Valley Water Board to verify enrollment of the Project under the General Dredge or Fill WDR. A copy of the General Dredge or Fill WDR is enclosed and may also be accessed on [State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders Web Page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2023) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2023).

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the General Dredge or Fill WDR. Failure to comply with the General Dredge or Fill WDR constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action and/or termination of enrollment. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Dredge or Fill WDR, dated 8 October 2026, and supplemental information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Dredge or Fill WDR is no longer valid if the Project, as described, is modified.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

State Route (SR) 273 has experienced extreme flooding during times of heavy rain. With the coming predicted El Niño, the Enrollee proposes to maintain the roadway ditches in the right-of-way. Over time, the ditches have become wetlands, and therefore the proposed activities require Waste Discharge Requirements.

A heavy rain event deposited large quantities of sediment in a ditch between the railroad track and SR 273; for this location and others along SR 273, field maintenance crews need to clean the ditches. The project will involve sediment removal and vegetation maintenance, with equipment operating from the roadway above and when the ditches are dry. The area will be left in similar condition as existing before the project. No loose dirt or cobble will be left that could increase turbidity during a future rain event.

II. DESCRIPTION OF DIRECT IMPACTS TO WATERS

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1.

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

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Wetlands	0.202		3451

III. COMPENSATORY MITIGATION

No compensatory mitigation is required because the Project will only result in temporary impacts which will be restored to pre-construction conditions, as applicable, upon completion of construction activities.

IV. PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located along State Route 273 in Shasta County, CA at PM 4.3, 5.7, 7.8, 8.1, 8.9, and 9.4.

V. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Authorized work in waters of the state shall be completed within 180 days of the enrollment date. If it is anticipated that work will not be completed prior to the expiration of enrollment, the Enrollee shall request an extension at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date. The request shall include justification for the extension.

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.

VI. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

1. General:

If surface water is present, continuous visual surface water monitoring shall be conducted during active construction periods to detect accidental discharge of construction related pollutants (e.g., oil and grease, turbidity plume, or uncured concrete). The Enrollee shall perform surface water sampling:

- a. when performing any in-water work;
- b. during the entire duration of temporary surface water diversions;
- c. in the event that the Project activities result in any materials reaching surface waters; or
- d. when any activities result in the creation of a visible plume in surface waters.

2. Accidental Discharges/Noncompliance:

Upon occurrence of an accidental discharge of hazardous materials or a violation of compliance with a water quality standard, Central Valley Water Board staff may require water quality monitoring based on the discharge constituents and/or related water quality objectives and beneficial uses.

VII. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- 1. The discharge of petroleum products, any construction materials, hazardous materials, pesticides, fuels, lubricants, oils, hydraulic fluids, raw cement, concrete or the washing thereof, asphalt, paint, coating material, drilling fluids, or other substances potentially hazardous to fish and wildlife resulting from or disturbed by project-related activities is prohibited and shall be prevented from contaminating the soil and/or entering waters of the state. In the event of a prohibited discharge, the Permittee shall comply with notification requirements in section VI.G.3.b and Attachment B of the General Dredge or Fill WDR.
- 2. No wet concrete will be placed into wetland habitat.

VIII. REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A Notice of Completion (NOC) shall be submitted by the Enrollee within 45 calendar days of completion of Project activities. The NOC shall demonstrate that the work has been carried out in accordance with the description provided in the Enrollee's Notice of Intent.

Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this NOA may expose the Enrollee to enforcement action pursuant to the California Water Code.

The Enrollee shall submit all reports in accordance with section VI.G and Attachment B of the General Dredge or Fill WDR and this Notice of Applicability via email to centralvalleyredding@waterboards.ca.gov and copy Carson Blodow at Carson.Blodow@waterboards.ca.gov. The WDID No. for this Project is 5A45CR00707.

IX. APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED

An application fee of \$ 4,212.00 was received on 7 October 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 Category F - Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

X. CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Carson Blodow at (530) 224-4994 or at Carson.Blodow@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO

For Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board's Water Quality Order No.
2023-0058-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for
Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of The State from
Emergency Repair and Protection Activities

cc via email:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, San Francisco
Water Quality Certification Program, SWRCB, Sacramento
Stephanie Houtman, California Department of Transportation, Redding