Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CA-88 EMERGENCY EMBANKMENT STABILIZATION PROJECT (10-1V560) (WDID#5B03CR00108), AMADOR COUNTY

On 15 September 2026, the California Department of Transportation (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 1 August 2023 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (WQ 2023-0061-DWQ) (General Certification Order) for the CA-88 Emergency Embankment Stabilization Project (10-1V560) (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material 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 this General Certification Order. The proposed activity took place in 0.0023 acres/50 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection Activities, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the General Certification Order (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage and is enclosed.

The Project was conducted in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 15 September 2026, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage

under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The 0.0344-acre CA-88 Emergency Embankment Stabilization Project (10-1V560) (Project) installed both rock slope protection and an Ultra Block Sidewall to repair the state of the CA-88 highway failed slope and prevent continued failure. The embankment was experiencing natural lateral slope support erosion originating from a tree falling leading to roadway surface and embankment soil cracking.

The Project permanently impacted 0.0023 acres/50 linear feet of waters of the United States at South Branch Sutter Creek.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	0.0023	7.4	50

Impacts are considered to be de minimis and no compensatory mitigation will be required.

PROJECT LOCATION:
The Project is located in Amador County.

Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 13 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 38.430747° and Longitude:- 120.574972°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
The Project started construction on 31 August 2026 and was completed on 18 September 2026.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:
An application fee of $ 4,212.00 was received on 27 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.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Adam Rueckert at (916) 464-4751 or Adam.Rueckert@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
For Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

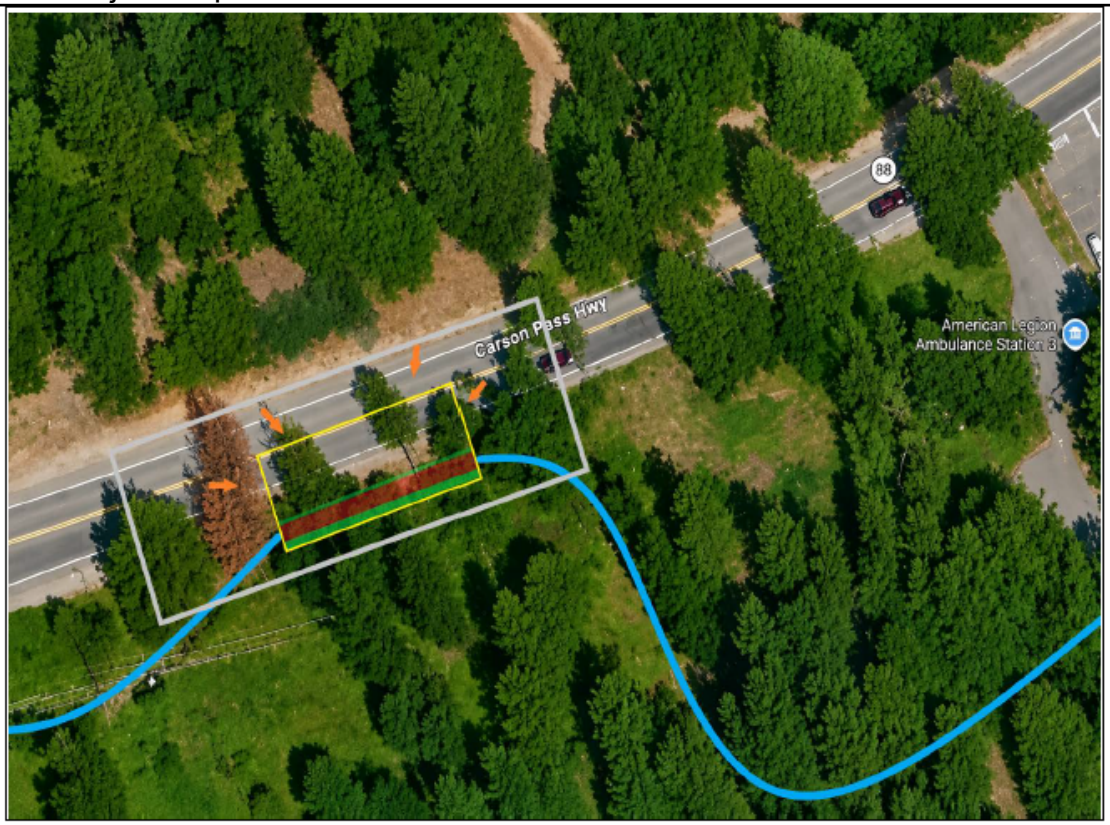
Enclosure: *Water Quality Order No. 2023-0061-DWQ Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Regional General Permit 8 for Emergency Repair and Protection Activities*

Attachments: Figure 1: Project Map

cc: via email only

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Figure 1: Project Map



IMPACTS TO WATERS OF THE STATE
SR- 88 Embankment Stabilization, EA: 10-1V560 Amador County, California
Caltrans District 10 AMA – SR 88, PM 29.3
(Lat /Long) 38.430747 -120.574972 Impacts to WOTS: Ephemeral Drainage
Temporary Impacts Ephemeral Drainage 0.030 acres, 1306 sq ft, 50.0 LF
Permanent Impacts Below OHWM 0.0023 acres, 100 sq ft, 7.4 Cubic Yards
50.0 LF

Map Legend
Action Area
Biological Study Area
Ephemeral Drainage
Temporary Impacts
Permanent Impacts
Picture Direction

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1 inch = 75 feet
0 15 30 60 90 120
Feet