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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASIN, LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, CA – PED-CONST\_475448 GEOTECH PHASE B2 PROJECT (WDID#5B39CR00427), SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

On 29 May 2025, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 25 February 2022 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2021 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order) for the Lower San Joaquin River, CA – Ped-Const\_475448 Geotech Phase B2 (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 will take place within less than 0.001 acre of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #6 (Survey 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/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf)) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board’s General Order webpage and is enclosed.

The Project must proceed 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 29 May 2025, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under

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the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The 0.001-acre Project consists of boring within Fourteen-Mile Slough as well as on the crown and landside of the levee at approximately 20 different locations for geotechnical surveying associated with the San Joaquin River Basin, Lower San Joaquin River, CA Project. Of the proposed borings, 14 will be conducted in water, with 11 concentrated near the downstream end of the project boundary where a proposed closure structure is planned. The three additional borings extending upstream towards the marina are intended to gather sediment data for the Corps' hydrologic and hydraulic modeling team.

Four (4) of the 14 proposed in-water explorations will be cone penetration tests (CPT) while the remaining 10 would be soil borings. Cone penetration tests will be two inches in diameter and conducted by a 20-ton CPT rig or similar rigging. Soil boring methods may include either mud rotary, hollow stem auger, or sonic drilling. Mud rotary soil borings are estimated to be up to 8 inches in diameter. After sampling, borings will be immediately backfilled with neat cement and the last foot from the surface filled with natural deposition of sediment. The average depth of all explorations will be 100 feet below ground surface.

The Project will permanently impact 0.001 acre of waters of the United States.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

In Fourteen-Mile Slough, near the Village West Yacht Club located at 6633 Embarcadero Drive in Stockton

Latitude: 38.00818° and Longitude: -121.37007°

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

1 August 2025 through 30 September 2025

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

Federal dischargers involved in Dredge and Fill Operations only are not subject to permit fees as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Jenna Yang by phone at (916) 464-4764 or by email at [Jenna.Yang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jenna.Yang@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Enclosure: State Water Board Certification of the 2021 Nationwide Permits General Water Quality Certification and Order

Attachments: Figure 1 – Project Map

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Figure 1 – Project Map

