

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, TOM PAINE SLOUGH GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS PROJECT (WDID#5B39CR00434A1), SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

This Order responds to the 22 May 2026 request for an amendment of the Tom Paine Slough Geotechnical Investigations Project (Project) Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5B39CR00434). The original Notice of Applicability (NOA) was issued on 21 November 2025. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original NOA is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

The California Department of Water Resources (Permittee) is requesting that the Project be enrolled under the State Water Resources Control Board's *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Dredge or Fill Materials to Waters of the State and Partial Clean Water Action Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Partial Denial of the Corps' 2026 Nationwide Permits*, Order No. WQ 2025-0066-DWQ. The Permittee applied for Clean Water Act Section 404 and 401 authorizations concurrently in October 2025 under the 2021 Nationwide Permit #6 and State Water Resources Control Board's *General Order for Clean Water Action Section 401 Water Quality Certification Action*, Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ, respectively. While the Certification was issued in November 2025 under Order No. WQ-2021-0048-DWQ, the Nationwide Permit was not issued until 10 April 2026, under the new 2026 Nationwide Permit #6. The 2021 Nationwide Permit expired in March 2026.

This amendment will align both Section 404 and Section 401 Permits under the same Nationwide Permit cycle.

The NOA is amended as shown below:

The Central Valley Water Board is amended to certify this Project NOA under the State Water Resources Control Board's *General Waste Discharge Requirements for*

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Discharges of Dredge or Fill Materials to Waters of the State and Partial Clean Water Action Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Partial Denial of the Corps' 2026 Nationwide Permits, Order No. WQ 2025-0066-DWQ.

A copy of the [General Order No. WQ 2025-0066-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2026/nwp2026-general-order.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2026/nwp2026-general-order.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Order webpage and is enclosed.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$4,212.00 for the original NOA were received on 27 October 2025. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3383(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), as was calculated as category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Tom Paine Slough Geotechnical Investigations Project (WDID#5B39CR00434A1). All other conditions and provisions of the original Water Quality Certification and any previously approved amendments remain in full force and effect, except as modified based on the conditions of this Order. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the original Water Quality Certification, previously approved amendments, or of this Order may result in suspension or revocation of the Water Quality Certification.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
For Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board's *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Dredge or Fill Materials to Waters of the State and Partial Clean Water Action Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Partial Denial of the Corps' 2026 Nationwide Permits*, Order No. WQ 2025-0066-DWQ

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