
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, PRIEST DAM WIER REPLACEMENT PROJECT (WDID#5B55CR00152), TUOLUMNE COUNTY

On 3 March 2021, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 17 March 2017 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2017 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order) for the Priest Dam Wier Replacement Project (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 0.004 acre/20 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #5 (Scientific Measurement Devices), 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nw_p_go.pdf) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nw_p_go.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 3 March 2021, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 Priest Dam Weir Replacement Project (Project) consists of installing a new 70-foot long, 1-foot wide, 3-foot tall concrete containment wall and stainless steel weir box below Priest Dam in order to improve accuracy of dam leakage monitoring. Rattlesnake Creek begins at the weir discharge point. Approximately 2 cubic yards of concrete will be placed into 0.004 acre/10 linear feet of Rattlesnake Creek associated with the containment wall. The existing weir box will be filled with concrete prior to installation of the new box in the same location. No fill will be placed into the stream channel associated with the weir box installation. A water diversion will be installed for the duration of construction to divert water around the active construction site.

The Project will permanently impact 0.004 acre/10 linear feet and temporarily impact 0.004 acre/20 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 16 East, MDB&M
Latitude: 37°47'59.46" and Longitude: -120°15'56.4"

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

1 May 2021 through 30 November 2021

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,066.00 was received on 3 March 2021. 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 E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Nicholas White at (916) 464-4856 or Nicholas.White@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed By James Marshall for:

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Board Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits General
Water Quality Certification and Order

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