

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WILLOW SPRINGS DRIVE CULVERT PROJECT(WDID# 5B55CR00201), TUOLUMNE COUNTY

On 30 April 2026, Tuolumne County Public Works Department (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 Willow Springs Drive Culvert (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 is taking place in 0.17 acre/138 cubic yards 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) (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 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 23 May 2023, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 0.27-acre Willow Springs Drive Culvert Project (Project) consists of replacing the failed double-barrel culvert crossing at Willow Springs Drive with two parallel 61-foot-long, 72-inch-diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culverts. The work includes installation of reinforced concrete headwalls and wingwalls, flared end sections, inlet flow control structures, and associated drainage improvements to restore hydraulic function and roadway stability. Excavation will occur within the existing crossing and stream channel to remove the damaged culvert and prepare the site for the new structures. Fill activities include placement of approximately 60 cubic yards of backfill material consisting of native soil, imported aggregate/soil, and/or slurry cement to rebuild the roadway embankment and subgrade. The project will also place approximately 80 cubic yards of rock slope protection at the culvert inlet and outlet to reduce erosion and stabilize the channel banks. Additional work includes installation of an 18-inch drop inlet with a 7-foot CMP culvert and a 24-inch drain inlet with a 10-foot CMP culvert to improve stormwater management.

The Project will permanently impact 0.1 acre(s)/130 Cubic Yards and temporarily impact 0.07 acre(s)/8 Cubic Yards of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at Willow Springs Crossing on Willow Springs Drive, about 0.09 miles (approximately 475 feet) east of the intersection with Soulsbyville Road, Soulsbyville, CA 95372, Tuolumne County.

Latitude: 37°59'41.7" and Longitude: -120°15'49.4"

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is 26 April 2026 through 1 July 2026.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$ 4,212.00 was received on 6 May 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 Sara Gevorgyan at (916) 464-4710 or Sara.Gevorgyan@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

Attachment: Figure 1: Location Map

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Figure 1: Location Map

