Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TWAIN HARTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, TWAIN HARTE CREEK SEWER LINE CROSSING EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT (WDID#5B55CR00204), TUOLUMNE COUNTY

On 2 November 2026, the Twain Harte Community Services District (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 Twain Harte Creek Sewer Line Crossing Emergency Repair 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 is taking place within 0.01 acre/55 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 is being 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 2 November 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 Project consists of stabilizing an eroding bank and repairing a sewer pipeline crossing of Twain Harte Creek. The crossing consists of a concrete encasement structure that encases the sewer pipeline and includes three culverts designed to convey low stream flows, while higher stream flows are conveyed across the top of the structure through a roughened overflow channel.

Significant erosion has developed along the streambank adjacent to the concrete encasement, exposing a portion of the sewer pipeline that was previously buried within the streambank. High flows have also undermined the upstream and downstream faces of the encasement. The sewer pipeline is vulnerable to additional erosion and potential failure during future high-flow events. A failure of the pipeline would result in a sanitary sewer overflow to Twain Harte Creek and downstream Twain Harte Lake and Sullivan Creek, creating risks to public health, water quality, and the environment.

The Project will include temporarily dewatering the repair area utilizing barriers constructed of gravel bags and visqueen plastic with a diversion pipe to maintain stream flow by gravity. The existing concrete encasement will be demolished and removed, and a smaller concrete encasement will be constructed around the sewer line and extended approximately 8 feet landward of the streambank to a manhole to provide long-term protection for the exposed sewer line. Concrete will be placed to fill in undermined voids in the streambank and protect the pipeline from future undermining. Riprap may also be used to stabilize eroded areas. Concrete cutoff walls will be constructed on the upstream and downstream sides of the pipeline crossing; these walls will extend 2 feet below streambed elevation and ramp up from the streambed to the top of the encasement to prevent further scour and undermining.

Construction activities will include removal of vegetation, brush, and woody debris upstream of the crossing to restore the intended flow path through the structure, reduce the potential for flow diversion, and minimize the risk of additional bank erosion. The repair area will be accessed from an existing dirt access road located at the end of Fireside Drive. Staging will be within a gravel turnaround area at the end of the access road. Equipment utilized to complete project construction will include, but is not limited to, a jackhammer to break up existing concrete encasement for removal, shovels, wheelbarrows for transporting materials between the access road and repair area, a concrete truck and hoses to move concrete from the access road to the repair area, and a small haul truck to bring material to the site and remove debris from the site.

The Project will permanently impact 0.002 acre/19 linear feet and temporarily impact 0.01 acre/55 linear feet of waters of the United States (Twain Harte Creek).

PROJECT LOCATION:
The Project is located along Twain Harte Creek, behind 22481 Fireside Drive in the community of Twain Harte.

Latitude: 38.0300° and Longitude: -120.2392°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
The Project started construction on 4 November 2026 and is expected to continue until 13 November 2026.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:
An application fee of $ 4,212.00 was received on 2 November 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 Nicholas Savino at (916) 464-4920 or Nicholas.Savino@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 Location
Figure 2: Project Impacts

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