



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC, COALINGA-SAN MIGUEL 70 KV LINE EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5C10CR00089), FRESNO COUNTY

On 8 March 2024, the Pacific Gas & Electric (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 (General Certification Order) for the Coalinga-San Miguel 70 kV Line Emergency Repair (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 took place in 0.02 acre/100 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) (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.

The Project was 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 8 March 2024, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project consisted of implementing emergency erosion control protection measures along Warthan Creek to prevent further erosion of the creek bank threatening the foundation of the Lattice Steel Tower 008/003 along the Coalinga-San Miguel 70 kV Transmission Line. Rock slope protection, within the same footprint of the erosion feature, was placed in the creek in such a manner that it formed a sloping buttress to creek top of bank.

The Project permanently impacted 0.02 acre/100 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located adjacent to CA 198 Highway, approximately seven miles west of the City of Coalinga.

Latitude: 36.094964 Degrees and Longitude -120.475001 Degrees

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project started construction on 11 March 2024 and was completed on 12 March 2024.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,985.00 was received on 26 March 2024. 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 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 Brandon Salazar at (559) 445-6287 or at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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