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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 05-1Q030 ANTELOPE GRADE TRUCK CLIMBING LANE EXTENSION PROJECT, (WDID# 5C40CR00001), SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

On 6 February 2024, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (Permittee) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 12 October 2021 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permits (Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ) for the 05-1Q030 Antelope Grade Truck Climbing Lane Extension Project (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Permittee, 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 0.023 acre of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 14, Linear Transportation, 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/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf)) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

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 6 February 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 0.023-acre Project consists of a 30 foot extension of an existing 6 foot by 6 foot by 65 foot reinforced concrete box (RCB) culvert that crosses under State Route 46. It also includes the removal of the current 8 foot tall by 10 foot long by 1 foot wide concrete inlet wingwall, and installation of an in-kind concrete wingwall at the new inlet.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.015 acre/53 linear feet and permanently impact 0.008 acre/30 linear feet of stream channel. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is located at Post Mile 60.57 on State Route 46. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 35.728354 Degrees North and longitude 120.198134 Degrees West.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The proposed Project schedule is 180 workdays from 9 January 2025 to 12 January 2026. Some night work will occur.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

An application fee of \$2,985 was received on 20 February 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 E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:**

Compensatory mitigation is required for the 0.008 acre of permanent impacts to stream channel habitat. Caltrans will purchase 0.01 aquatic resource credits in the Kaweah/Tule River aquatic resource watershed service area from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), Sacramento District, California, In-Lieu fee program.

The Permittee shall submit all reports required by the General Certification Order in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Order No. WQ 2021-0048-DWQ and email them to [centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov) with a cc to Olivia Ilsley at [olivia.ilsley@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:olivia.ilsley@waterboards.ca.gov). The WDID No. for this Project is 5C40CR00001.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Olivia Ilsley at (916) 464-4673 or at [Olivia.ilsley@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Olivia.ilsley@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Attachments: Figure 1- Project Impacts Map

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Figure 1- Project Impacts Map

