
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TULARE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MINERAL KING ROAD PERMANENT RESTORATION PROJECT, (WDID# 5C54CR00157), TULARE COUNTY

On 22 May 2025, Tulare County Public Works Department (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 Mineral King Road Permanent Restoration 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 less than 0.006 acres 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 Projects, 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) 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 22 May 2025, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 County of Tulare proposes to repair an approximately 350-foot-long segment of Mineral King Road and stabilize the adjacent soils to prevent further degradation and erosion by installing new culverts underneath the roadway, constructing a reinforced retaining structure, and filling in the failed slope with resistant material. Construction work would include demolishing the existing roadway and culvert infrastructure and installing new culverts, pavement, and slope stabilization measures. The Project will temporarily impact 0.004 acres/48 linear feet and permanently impact 0.002 acres/25 linear feet of stream channel. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located 8.5 miles east of Three Rivers, California. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 36.4525 Degrees and longitude - 118.8173 Degrees.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project has a proposed commencement date of 1 October 2025 and a completion date of 27 March 2026.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 12 June 2025. 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 Ernesto P. Garcia at (559) 445-6281 or at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov.



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