
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. R5-2021-0047, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS; LOTUSLAND INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, INC, GUENOC RANCH TIERS 2 AND 3 ROADS PROJECT (WDID#5A17CR00183A1), LAKE COUNTY

This Order responds to the 9 January 2026 request for an amendment of Water Quality Order No. R5-2021-0047 for the Guenoc Ranch Tiers 2 and 3 Roads Project (Project) (WDID#5A17CR00183). The original Water Quality Order (Order) was issued on 13 August 2021. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region hereby approves the requested amendment and amends the original order as described below. Please attach this document to the original Order.

FINDINGS

Lotusland Investment Holdings, Inc. (heretofore referred to as “Permittee”) is requesting a 5-year time extension through 12 August 2031.

Additionally, the Permittee requests to add an additional mitigation option to the compensatory mitigation section of the Order. Lotusland Investment Holdings, Inc. is proposing the option of onsite preservation of stream channel and wetland habitat, consistent with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (CDFW) mitigation requirements.

The Order is amended to expire on 12 August 2031 and as shown below:

7. Total Required Compensatory Mitigation

- c. The Permittee has the option to propose an onsite preservation plan for Central Valley Water Board approval. The plan shall propose preserving onsite stream channel habitat and onsite wetland habitat for authorized impacts to stream channel and wetland habitat in accordance with CDFW’s mitigation requirements. Onsite preservation can be completed as an alternative to purchasing aquatic resource establishment credits

through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program, or onsite preservation can be completed in combination with purchasing aquatic resource establishment credits from the NFWF ILF program. The onsite preservation plan must be approved by the Central Valley Water Board prior to being implemented.

The preservation site (mitigation lands) shall be protected with a conservation easement. The Permittee shall obtain Central Valley Water Board and CDFW approval of the mitigation lands prior to recording the conservation easement. Permanent protection and funding for perpetual management of habitat shall be complete before starting Project Activities, or within 18 months of the start of project activities if Security is provided. The Permittee shall be responsible for all costs in recording and funding the conservation easement. The Permittee shall provide sufficient funds to manage the area in perpetuity.

Application Fee Received

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$10,496.00 for the original WDR were received on 11 June 2021. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3383(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), and was calculated as category A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Patrick Pulupa, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2026-0028 adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 3 June 2026.

PATRICK PULUPA
Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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