



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF TENTATIVE GENERAL ORDER FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WESTERN PLACER COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN/NATURAL COMMUNITIES CONSERVATION PLAN (HCP/NCCP) PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT, PLACER COUNTY

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed are tentative General Order for Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act section 401 Certification for the Western Placer County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) Programmatic General Permit (PGP) (Project) in Placer County. The 269,672-acre HCP/NCCP is a regional approach to address issues related to planned development and species habitat conservation following a comprehensive conservation strategy, over a 50-year period. The HCP/NCCP covers 14 species of wildlife, including 9 that are state and/or federally listed as threatened or endangered. The HCP/NCCP will establish a reserve system comprised of approximately 47,300 acres of interconnected land blocks including all major streams. The reserve system created by the HCP/NCCP will also connect to approximately 15,957 acres of existing reserves.

The Western Placer County Aquatic Resources Program (CARP) provides a comprehensive local program for the protection and restoration of aquatic resources in western Placer County. Compensatory mitigation fees collected for impacts in the Potential Future Growth area will be used to purchase, restore and preserve land in the Reserve Acquisition Area, thereby providing permanent protection to more intact watersheds and avoiding and minimizing impacts to natural resources on a regional scale. An individual project covered under the HCP/NCCP and authorized under the PGP may not result in the loss of more than 3.0 acres of waters of the state, 500 linear feet of jurisdictional streams, and/or a total of 1,000 linear feet of irrigation or drainage ditch (provided the irrigation or drainage ditch is not a relocated or

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channelized stream). The acreage of loss of streambed for streams and/or ditches shall be included in the acreage threshold for loss of waters of the state.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 15/16 October 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the enclosed tentative General Order must be submitted to this office by **5:00 pm on 13 September 2020** in order for us to give them full consideration prior to the 15/16 April 2020 Board meeting. Comments received after this time will not be considered or included in the administrative record unless allowed by the Board's Chair.

In order to conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the tentative General Order has been sent only to Michael G. Nepstad, Acting Chief of the United State Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division. Interested parties are advised that the full text of the Order is available on the Central Valley Water Board's web site at [Central Valley Water Board's Tentative Orders web page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml) under the heading of "Discharger-Specific Orders for Future Regional Board Meetings".

Although it is not required, we would appreciate receiving comments before the due date above. Anyone without access to the Internet who needs a paper copy of the tentative General Order should contact Greg Hendricks at (916) 464-4709 or Greg.Hendricks@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure: Tentative General Order for Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act section 401 Certification

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