
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 COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLAN REGIONAL 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 Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) Regional General Permit (RGP) in Placer County. The 269,672-acre Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) is a regional approach to address issues related to planned development, species habitat conservation, and aquatic resource protection 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. The purpose of the PCCP RGP is to authorize under section 404 of the Clean Water Act proposed PCCP ILF Program projects that have been approved by the IRT. These projects will be developed within the PCCP's interconnected preserve system and will provide compensatory mitigation in-lieu fee credits for activities authorized under the PCCP. An individual project covered under the PCCP RGP and authorized under this Order may not result in a reduction of aquatic resource functions and services.

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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 October 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 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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