



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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June 4, 2024

Southern California Gas Company
Myan Truong, Project Manager
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER NO. 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, LINE 2051 VALIDATION/SCCDA DIGS-ANOMALY REPAIR/REPLACEMENT PROJECT (WDID NO. 7A333282001), RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Dear Myan Truong,

On March 12, 2024, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas or Discharger) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction*.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds that the dredge/fill discharges associated with the Line 2051 Validation/SCCDA Digs-Anomaly Repair/Replacement (Project) meets the requirements for enrollment. You are hereby enrolled under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ and may proceed with the Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order 2004-0004-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) is attached and it can be found on the State Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply

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with Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, IMPACTS, AND MITIGATION

The Project involves inspection, pipeline repairs, and/or replacement at four locations along Line 2051, a natural gas pipeline. Work will include exposing the pipeline at each site and inspecting the anomalies identified during internal pipeline inspection activities. If pipeline repairs are required, they will be completed while the pipeline is exposed and may include pipeline replacement and recoating.

Work activities at each site will generally include establishing a 50-foot by 250-foot temporary work area, excavating a trench, completing repairs, and backfilling the trench and restoring the area to pre-construction contours to the extent feasible. Site access, pipeline repair, workspace, and staging areas will occur within the SoCalGas existing right-of-way or along established roads and turnout areas. The Project will result in 0.075 acres (273 linear feet) of temporary impacts to waters of the state. No permanent impacts are anticipated.

Work is scheduled to begin sometime between 2024 and 2029 and will require approximately four to five months to complete. When the Project work is complete, any temporarily impacted areas will be returned to pre-Project conditions.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located near the City of Indio, in Riverside County, California, 92201. The latitude and longitude of the impacted areas are listed below. Maps showing the Project locations are found in Attachment A of this Order.

Site	Latitude	Longitude	Temporary Impacts (acres/linear feet)
2023SCCDAE1	33.743240°N	-116.128515°W	0.02/51
2023SCCDAE3	33.743911°N	-116.162320°W	0.03/61
ACEG2022S1P1E1	33.763269°N	-116.212769°W	0.005/95
ACEG2022S1P1E2	33.752403°N	-116.188810°W	0.02/66

FEES RECEIVED

A check in the amount of \$2,985 was received on March 14, 2024, for payment of the application fee. No project fee is due. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and were calculated as Category E – Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The Colorado River Basin Water Board has determined that the enrollment of this Project under Order 2004-0004-DWQ, which prescribes waste discharge requirements for the Project, is categorically exempt from the procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the Project described herein meet the criteria for a Class 1 exemption (§ 15301, Existing Facilities) under the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.). Pursuant to CEQA, the Colorado River Basin Water Board has made Findings of Facts (Findings) which support the issuance of this Order and they are included in Attachment B.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

The Discharger must implement the measures identified in Attachment C submitted with the Project application, as well as comply with all applicable requirements in Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

Upon completion of the Project, SoCalGas shall submit a complete Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be unenrolled under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. Attachment 2 to Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ contains the NOT form.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Logan Raub, 401 Water Quality Certification Program Manager, at (760) 776-8966 or at Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By _____

Paula Rasmussen
Executive Officer
Colorado River Basin
Regional Water Quality Control Board

Enclosures: 1) Attachment A Project Maps
2) Attachment B CEQA Findings
3) Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

File: WDID: 7A333282001, RM: 456262, Place ID: 894029, Line 2051 Validation/SCCDA Digs Anomaly Repair/Replacement Project, Order 2004-0004-DWQ

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Attachment A Project Maps

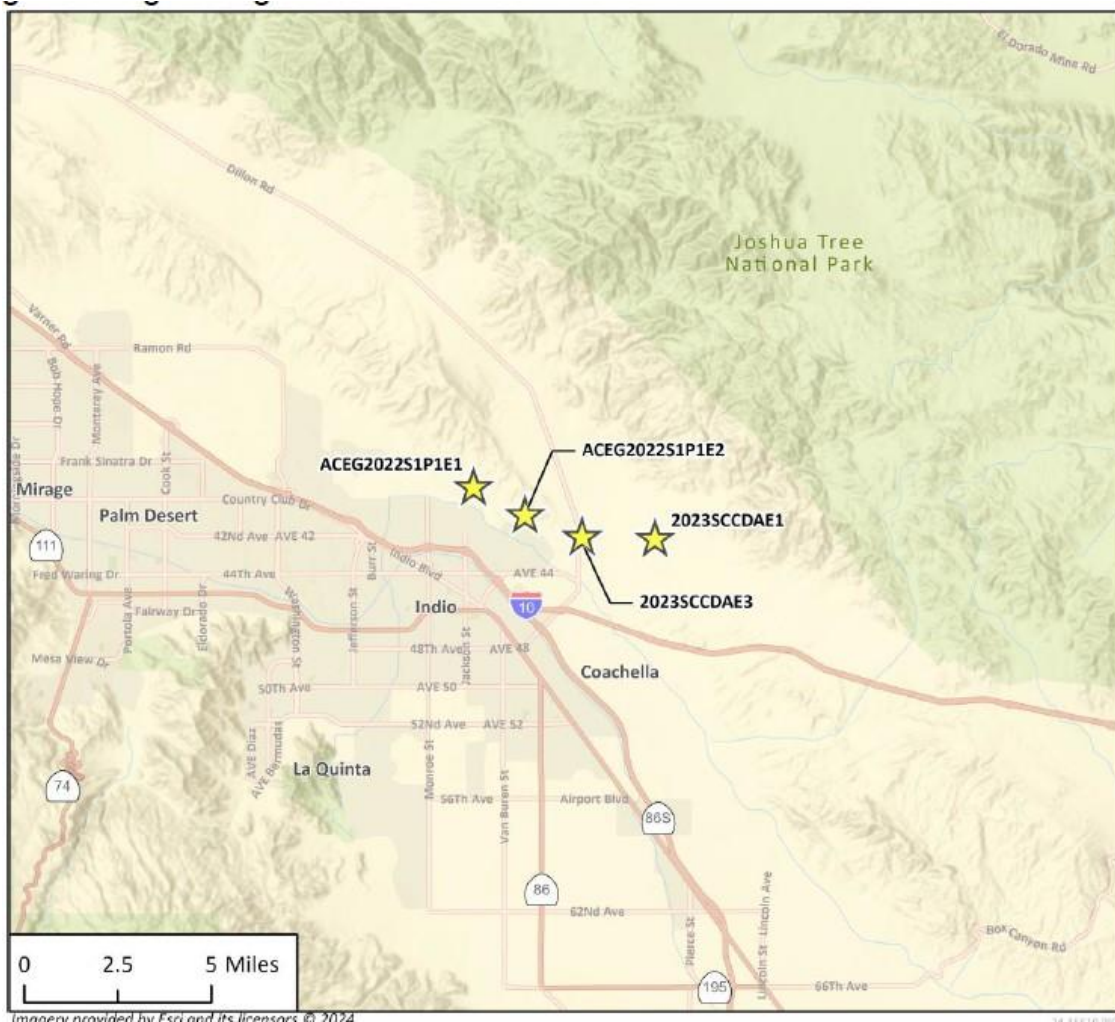


Figure 1. Project vicinity map. (SoCalGas, 2024¹)

¹ SoCalGas, 2024. Dredged or Fill Waste Discharge Requirements Application. Figures taken from submitted Application material or provided by the Discharger.



Figure 2. Project site 2023SCCDAE1.



Figure 3. Project site 2023SCCDAE3.



Figure 4. Project site ACEG2022S1P1E1.



Figure 5. Project site ACEG2022S1P1E2.

Attachment B CEQA Findings

A. Introduction

The Colorado River Basin Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061. Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the Project described herein meet the exemptions criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (Existing Facilities).

B. Findings

Under title 14, section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations, there is a “Class 1” categorical exemption where the proposed project “consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination” such as “(b) [e]xisting facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.”; and “(d) [r]estoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.”

The Project falls within the exemption per section 15301 (Existing Facilities), because the Project involves the repair/maintenance of a natural gas pipeline. The Project will not result in an expansion of use. No exceptions to the exemption were identified.

C. Determination

The issuance of this Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (Existing Facilities). The Colorado River Basin Water Board concludes that no exceptions to the CEQA exemption listed above apply to the activities approved by this Order.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Order. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15062.).

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www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html