
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

22 July 2026

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
ORDER FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTORATION
PROJECTS STATEWIDE (ORDER NO. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ), SIERRA PACIFIC
INDUSTRIES, GOODRICH CREEK HOME RANCH MEADOW RESTORATION
PROJECT, LASSEN COUNTY, WDID NO. 5A18CR00036**

On 5 June 2026, Sierra Pacific Industries (Applicant) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under State Water Resources Control Board's Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ (Statewide Restoration General Order) for the Goodrich Creek Home Ranch Meadow Restoration Project (Project). After review of the NOI submitted by the applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under the Statewide Restoration General Order.

This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued at the request of Sierra Pacific Industries (hereinafter Enrollee) under the Statewide Restoration General Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations. Although the Statewide Restoration General Order may also serve as a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification, this NOA is being issued solely as waste discharge requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code, § 13000 et seq.)

NOA Effective Date: 22 July 2026

NOA Expiration Date: 22 July 2031

A copy of the Statewide Restoration General Order is enclosed. You may also access the Statewide Restoration General Order on State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders Web Page: [Order WQ 2022-0048-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf)
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The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the Statewide Restoration General Order. Failure to comply with this NOA and the Statewide Restoration General Order constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action and/or termination of enrollment under the Statewide Restoration General Order. The Project is described in the NOI Form requesting coverage and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the Statewide Restoration General Order is no longer valid if the Project is modified from that described in the Application Package.

I. Public Notice

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 5 June 2026 to 26 June 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

II. Project Description

The Project area contains 223 acres of wet meadow habitat located along Goodrich Creek in the Mountain Meadows watershed, upper North Fork Feather River Basin. The primary goal of the project is to restore the meadow floodplain function by re-establishing the channel-floodplain connection.

The Project includes a variety of treatment techniques to raise the water table and spread flow across the floodplain, including riffle augmentation with rock and sod riffles, cross vane structures for channels receiving riffle augmentation, beaver dam analogs or post-assisted log structures in the upstream most reach, and channel fill treatments in the Goodrich North channel. Fill material for rock riffle augmentation will consist of an unsorted mixture of silt, sand, gravel, and rocks sourced from the nearby Round Mountain Pit. Sodded riffles will utilize material harvested from the nearby floodplain. Material for the channel fill treatment will consist of imported soil. Equipment will be used to transport fill material to the channel, place it, and shape the final surface to match the floodplain slope. Sod from the partially filled channel sections will be salvaged before filling where present and placed over the final filled surface.

A total of 209 riffles are proposed to be constructed. 34 riffle augmentation treatments in the upper Goodrich North channel may be substituted with biogenic structures in order to limit heavy equipment travel over saturated portions of the meadow. Biogenic structures will consist of 8 to 25 (depending on channel width) 10-ft long, 2-4 inch diameter posts, driven approximately three to four feet deep into the streambed using a handheld post pounder or a pounder attached to a portable hydraulic powered generator. An estimated 14,060 cubic yards of fill volume will be used for this project. After the construction of riffle augmentation, cross vane, and ditch fill treatments, riparian trees and shrubs such as willow and cottonwood will be planted along and adjacent to treated areas.

III. Project Location

Address: Westwood, CA

County: Lassen

Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 113-100-018-000 & 123-100-023-000

Latitude: 40.32111° and Longitude: -120.93566°

Maps showing the Project location are found in Attachment A of this Order.

IV. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fifth Edition, February 2019 (Basin Plan). The plan for the region and other plans and policies may be accessed at the [State Water Resources Control Board's Plans and Policies Web page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/). The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This NOA promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

Project impact and receiving waters information can be found in Attachment B. Table 1 of Attachment B shows the receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the state impacted by the Project. Individual impact location and quantity are shown in Table 2 of Attachment B.

V. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Impacts¹

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	1.51	7,749	3,108
Wetland	3.42	6,311	7,961

VI. Project Schedule

The Project is estimated to occur in phases between July 2026 and December 2030. Work will take place during lowest flow conditions between August and October of each year. The Project is estimated to occur over a total of 60 working days.

VII. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

On 23 April 2026, the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, as lead agency, determined the Project is statutorily exempt under CEQA pursuant to California Public Resources Code, section 21080.56 (Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects). The lead agency received concurrence of statutory exemption from California Department of Fish and Wildlife on 18 May 2026 and filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) at the State Clearinghouse (SCH) on 19 May 2026 (SCH No. 2026050726).

VIII. Fees Received

- A.** An application fee of \$1,123.00 was received on 5 June 2026. 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 D - Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.
- B. Annual Fees:** This Order is subject to annual billing based on the fee schedule in effect at the time of billing. Annual billing will continue until the Project, including monitoring, is complete and the Central Valley Water Board receives an acceptable request for a Notice of Project Complete Letter (see Attachment D of Statewide Restoration General Order). Annual invoices for fill and excavation projects are issued for projects active for any amount of time in the current fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Annual invoices for dredging projects are based on the quantity of dredged material in the previous fiscal year. Invoices are usually sent out at the end of each calendar year.

To stop annual billing, the Permittee must request a Notice of Project Complete

¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include area of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

Letter from the Water Board. Central Valley Water Board staff will verify if the conditions of the Order are met and may conduct a site visit to confirm compliance.

For more information on fees, visit the State Water Board's [Water Quality Fees Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/), under Water Quality Certification (WQC) Program Fees.

IX. Findings of Applicability

This letter serves as formal notice that Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ is applicable to this habitat restoration project. Your waste discharge identification (WDID) number is 5A18CR00036.

X. Conditions

The Enrollee shall comply with all applicable conditions of the Statewide Restoration General Order, including but not limited to the following:

A. Reporting and Notification Requirements

1. In-Water Work and Diversions:

The Enrollee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in flowing or standing water or stream diversions. Notification may be via email, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

XI. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact:

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Katie Gilman at (530) 224-3212 or Katie.Gilman@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO

July 22, 2026

For Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Date

Attachment A: Project Maps
Attachment B: Receiving Waters, Impacts, and Mitigation Information
Attachment C: CEQA Findings of Facts

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ

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Gabriel Leggieri, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
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Attachment A – Project Maps

Figure 1. Project Location Map

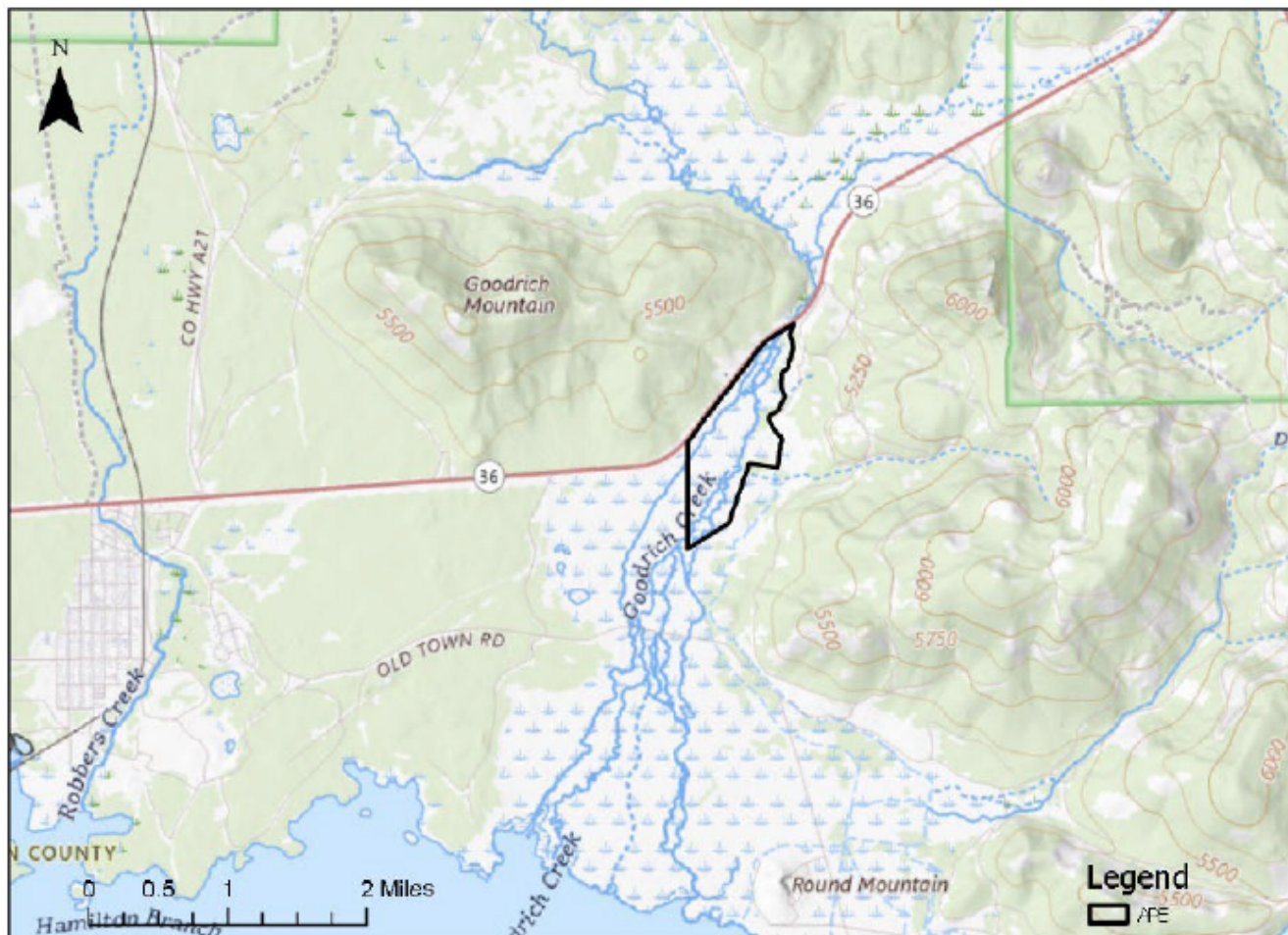
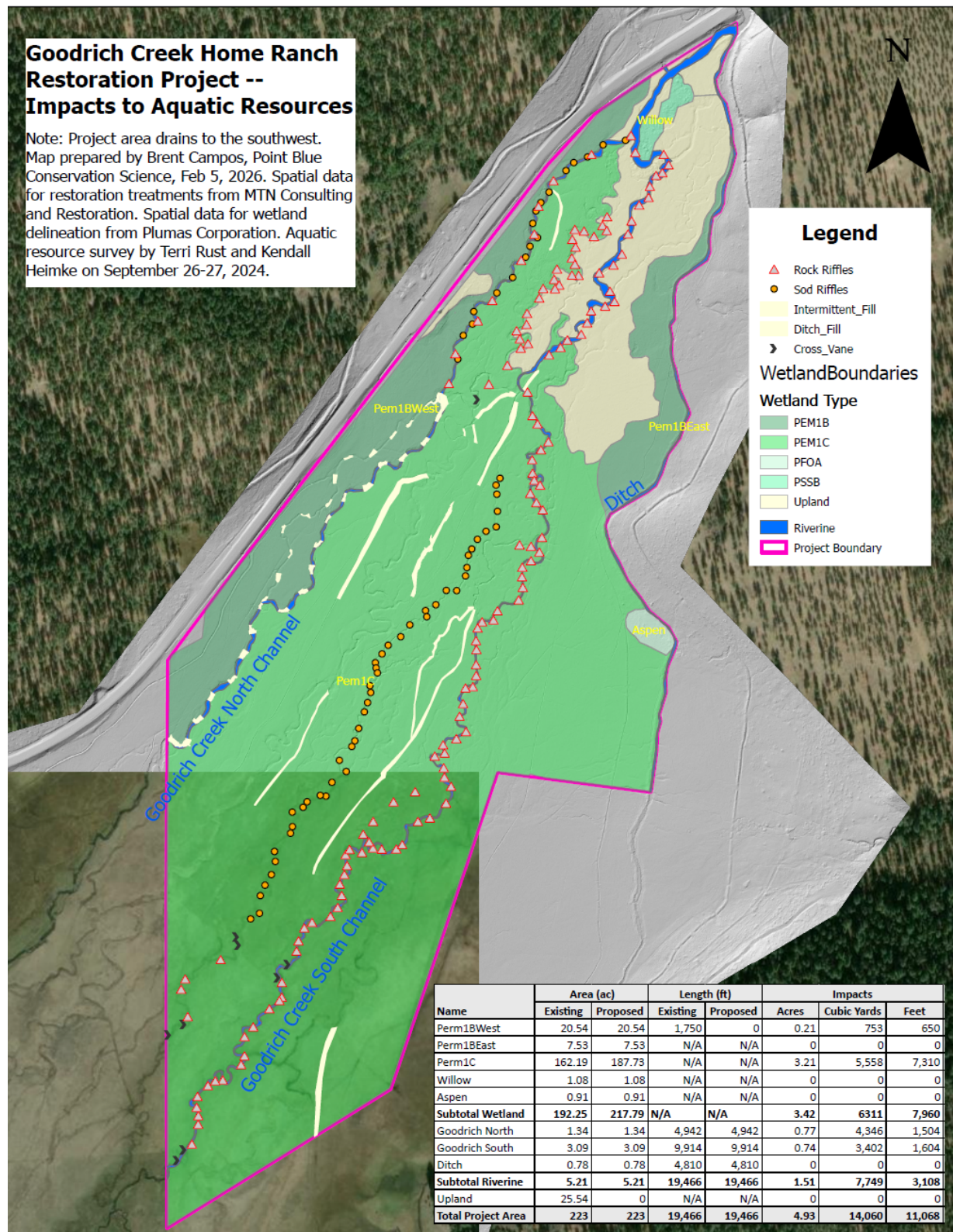


Figure 2: Impacts Map



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Attachment B – Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

Table 1: Receiving Water Information

Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resources Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Perm1BWest	Unnamed Wetland	Wetland	518.45	North Fork Feather River	MUN, POW, REC-1, REC-2, COLD, SPWN, WILD	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Perm1C	Unnamed Wetland	Wetland	518.45	North Fork Feather River	MUN, POW, REC-1, REC-2, COLD, SPWN, WILD	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Goodrich North	Goodrich Creek	Stream	518.45	North Fork Feather River	MUN, POW, REC-1, REC-2, COLD, SPWN, WILD	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Goodrich South	Goodrich Creek	Stream	518.45	North Fork Feather River	MUN, POW, REC-1, REC-2, COLD, SPWN, WILD	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following table shows individual impacts.

Table 2: Individual Temporary Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acre	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Perm1BWest	40.32111	-120.93566	No	0.21	753	650
Perm1C	40.32111	-120.93566	No	3.21	5558	7310
Goodrich North	40.32111	-120.93566	No	0.77	4346	1504
Goodrich South	40.32111	-120.93566	No	0.74	3402	1604

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Attachment C – CEQA Findings of Fact

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The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21069) and has reviewed and comports with the lead agency's determination. Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Public Resources Code, section 21080.56.