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# Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

#### **CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER**

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**Expiration Date:** 10 December 2024

**Program Type:** Fill/Excavation

**Project Type:** Mixed Use

**Project:** Elverta Sports Park Project (Project)

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#### I. Order

This Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 Water Quality Certification action and Order (Order) is issued at the request of Elverta Sports Park, LLC (hereinafter Permittee) for the Project. This Order is for the purpose described in application and supplemental information submitted by the Permittee. The application was received on 25 April 2019. The application was deemed complete on 28 May 2019.

Central Valley Water Board staff requested additional information necessary to supplement the contents of the complete application and the Permittee responded to the request for supplemental information on the following dates:

Date of Request for Supplemental Information: 28 May 2019
Date all requested information was received: 29 July 2019

#### II. Public Notice

The State Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from 26 April 2019 to 17 May 2019. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

## III. Project Purpose

The purpose of the Project is to prepare for future construction of a residential community with a park.

## **IV.** Project Description

The 81-acre Project consists of filling wetland and vernal pool habitat in order to grade and develop community areas.

## V. Project Location

County: Sacramento
Nearest City: Rio Linda

Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 05 East, MDB&M.

Latitude: 38.72712° and Longitude: -121.43429°

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

## VI. 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, May 2018 (Basin Plan). The plan for the region and other plans and policies may be accessed at the <a href="State Water Resources Control Board's Plans">State Water Resources Control Board's Plans and Policies Web page</a>

(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 Order 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 is shown in Table 2 of Attachment B.

## VII. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

The Project will permanently impact 1.154 acre/2,400 linear feet of vernal pool and 0.495 acre/2,400 linear feet of wetland habitat from physical loss of area. Permanent impacts result from the placement of approximately 5,321 cubic yards of clean soil in order to grade and develop the residential and park areas. Wetland and vernal pool impacts within the Project area are shown in Figure 2 in Attachment A of this Order.

No dewatering will occur within the Project area. No wet concrete will be placed into wetland and vernal pool habitat.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Vernal Pool	1.154		2,400
Wetland	0.495		2,243

## VIII. Description of Indirect Impacts to Waters of the State – Not Applicable

## IX. Avoidance and Mitigation

To minimize the potential effects of construction on water quality and resources, the Permittee shall implement all measures required as described in the Order. According to the Permittee, the following measures will be in place during construction activities to avoid, reduce, and minimize impacts to waters of the state:

 All applicable mitigation measures from the Elverta Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report, including mitigation measures from the

Hydrology and Drainage; Soils, Grading and Geologic Conditions; and Biological Resources sections.

- The Project will include storm water facilities that are designed, constructed, and maintained consistent with federal, state, and Sacramento County standards and specifications to ensure that the increased runoff resulting from project development does not contribute to water quality degradation within the region.
- Measures consistent with current regulatory standards will be implemented during Project construction to avoid adverse impacts to wetland and upland habitats, as well as adjacent properties.
- Standard construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be incorporated into construction designs, plans and specifications, and will be required of contractors during construction.
- A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be prepared for the Project according to current regulatory standards.
- Mitigation will be used to the extent necessary to ensure that adverse effects to the aquatic environment are minimized and no net loss of aquatic functions and values results.
- Compensatory mitigation through the purchase of in-kind mitigation will be used to offset permanent impacts.

## X. Compensatory Mitigation

The Permittee has agreed to provide compensatory mitigation for direct impacts, described in section VII for permanent impacts.

## XI. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

On 30 May 2007, the County of Sacramento, as lead agency, certified an environmental impact report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2000092026) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 29 July 2019. Pursuant to CEQA, the Central Valley Water Board has made Findings of Facts (Findings) which support the issuance of this Order and are included in Attachment C.

#### XII. Petitions for Reconsideration

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Board to reconsider this Order in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867. A petition for reconsideration must be submitted in writing and received within 30 calendar days of the issuance of this Order.

#### XIII. Fees Received

An application fee of \$1,638.00 was received on 25 April 2019. 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (Fee Code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator. An additional fee of \$22,269.00 based on total Project impacts was received on 29 July 2019.

#### XIV. Conditions

The Central Valley Water Board has independently reviewed the record of the Project to analyze impacts to water quality and designated beneficial uses within the watershed of the Project. In accordance with this Order, the Permittee may proceed with the Project under the following terms and conditions:

#### A. Authorization

Impacts to waters of the state shall not exceed quantities shown in Table 1.

## **B.** Reporting and Notification Requirements

The following section details the reporting and notification types and timing of submittals. Requirements for the content of these reporting and notification types are detailed in Attachment D, including specifications for photo and map documentation during the Project. Written reports and notifications must be submitted using the Reporting and Notification Cover Sheet located in Attachment D, which must be signed by the Permittee or an authorized representative.

The Permittee must submit all notifications, submissions, materials, data, correspondence, and reports in a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF). Documents less than 50 MB must be emailed to: centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov

In the subject line of the email, include the Central Valley Water Board Contact, Project name, and WDID No. Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a disk and mailed to the Central Valley Water Board Contact.

## 1. Project Reporting

- a. Monthly Reporting: The Permittee must submit a Monthly Report to the Central Valley Water Board on the 1st day of each month beginning the month after the submittal of the Commencement of Construction Notification. Monthly reporting shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee.
- b. Annual Reporting: The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year on the 1st day of January. Annual reporting shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee.

## 2. Project Status Notifications

a. Commencement of Construction: The Permittee shall submit a Commencement of Construction Report at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities and corresponding Waste Discharge Identification Number (WDID#) issued under the NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ; NPDES No. CAS000002).

- b. Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter: The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter following completion of active Project construction activities, including any required restoration and permittee-responsible mitigation. This request shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities. Upon acceptance of the request, Central Valley Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee which will end the active discharge period and associated annual fees.
- c. Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter: The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter when construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, and no further Project activities will occur. Completion of post-construction monitoring shall be determined by Central Valley Water Board staff and shall be contingent on successful attainment of restoration and mitigation performance criteria. This request shall be submitted to Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities. Upon approval of the request, the Central Valley Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee which will end the post discharge monitoring period and associated annual fees.

## 3. Conditional Notifications and Reports:

The following notifications and reports are required as appropriate.

a. Accidental Discharges of Hazardous Materials<sup>1</sup>

Following an accidental discharge of a reportable quantity of a hazardous material, sewage, or an unknown material, the following applies (Water Code, Section 13271):

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<sup>1 &</sup>quot;Hazardous material" means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. "Hazardous materials" include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, and any material that a handler or the administering agency has a reasonable basis for believing that it would be injurious

 As soon as (A) Permittee has knowledge of the discharge or noncompliance, (B) notification is possible, and (C) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures then:

- first call 911 (to notify local response agency)
- then call Office of Emergency Services (OES) State Warning Center at:(800) 852-7550 or (916) 845-8911
- Lastly, follow the required OES, procedures as set forth in the Office of Emergency Services' Accidental Discharge Notification Web page

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  - (http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill\_Booklet\_Feb2014\_FINAL\_BW\_Acc.pdf)
- ii. Following notification to OES, the Permittee shall notify Central Valley Water Board, as soon as practicable (ideally within 24 hours). Notification may be delivered via written notice, email, or other verifiable means.
- iii. Within five (5) working days of notification to the Central Valley Water Board, the Permittee must submit an Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report.
- **b.** Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards: The Permittee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board of any event causing a violation of compliance with water quality standards. Notification may be delivered via written notice, email, or other verifiable means.
  - i. This notification must be followed within three (3) working days by submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report.

#### c. In-Water Work and Diversions:

- The Permittee shall notify the Central Valley Water Board at least fortyeight (48) hours prior to initiating work in water or stream diversions. Notification may be delivered via written notice, email, or other verifiable means.
- ii. Within three (3) working days following completion of work in water or stream diversions, an In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report must be submitted to Central Valley Water Board staff.

to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. (Health & Safety Code, Section 25501.)

## d. Modifications to Project

Project modifications may require an amendment of this Order. The Permittee shall give advance notice to Central Valley Water Board staff if Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority by submitting a Modifications to Project Report. The Permittee shall inform Central Valley Water Board staff of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with this Order. Notification may be made in accordance with conditions in the certification deviation section of this Order.

## e. Transfer of Property Ownership:

This Order is not transferable in its entirety or in part to any person or organization except after notice to the Central Valley Water Board in accordance with the following terms:

- i. The Permittee must notify the Central Valley Water Board of any change in ownership or interest in ownership of the Project area by submitting a Transfer of Property Ownership Report. The Permittee and purchaser must sign and date the notification and provide such notification to the Central Valley Water Board at least 10 days prior to the transfer of ownership. The purchaser must also submit a written request to the Central Valley Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order.
- ii. Until such time as this Order has been modified to name the purchaser as the permittee, the Permittee shall continue to be responsible for all requirements set forth in this Order.

## f. Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance:

If maintenance responsibility for post-construction BMPs is legally transferred, the Permittee must submit to the Central Valley Water Board a copy of such documentation and must provide the transferee with a copy of a long-term BMP maintenance plan that complies with manufacturer or designer specifications. The Permittee must provide such notification to the Central Valley Water Board with a Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report at least 10 days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.

## C. Water Quality Monitoring

#### 1. General:

If surface water is present continuous visual surface water monitoring shall be conducted during active construction periods to detect accidental discharge of construction related pollutants (e.g. oil and grease, turbidity plume, or uncured concrete). Sampling is not required in a wetland where the entire wetland is being permanently filled, provided there is no outflow connecting

the wetland to surface waters. The Permittee shall perform surface water sampling:

- a. when performing any in-water work;
- **b.** during the entire duration of temporary surface water diversions;
- **c.** in the event that the Project activities result in any materials reaching surface waters; or
- **d.** when any activities result in the creation of a visible plume in surface waters.

## 2. Accidental Discharges/Noncompliance:

Upon occurrence of an accidental discharge of hazardous materials or a violation of compliance with a water quality standard, Central Valley Water Board staff may require water quality monitoring based on the discharge constituents and/or related water quality objectives and beneficial uses.

#### 3. In-Water Work or Diversions:

During planned in-water work or during the entire duration of temporary water diversions, any discharge(s) to waters of the state shall conform to the following water quality standards:

- a. Waters shall not contain oils, greases, waxes, or other materials in concentrations that cause nuisance, result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the water or on objects in the water, or otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.
- **b.** Activities shall not cause turbidity increases in surface water to exceed:
  - i. where natural turbidity is less than 1 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs), controllable factors shall not cause downstream turbidity to exceed 2 NTU;
  - ii. where natural turbidity is between 1 and 5 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 1 NTU:
  - iii. where natural turbidity is between 5 and 50 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 20 percent;
  - iv. where natural turbidity is between 50 and 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 NTUs;
  - v. where natural turbidity is greater than 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 percent.

In determining compliance with the above limits, appropriate averaging periods may be applied provided that beneficial uses will be fully protected. Averaging periods may only be used with prior permission of the Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer.

Sampling during in-water work or during the entire duration of temporary water diversions shall be conducted in accordance with Table 2 sampling parameters.<sup>2</sup> The sampling in Table 2 shall be conducted within ambient waters outside the influence of the Project to obtain a representative sample and within the in-water work area, discharge area, or within the visible plume to characterize the discharge to waters of the state.

The sampling frequency may be modified for certain projects with written approval from Central Valley Water Board staff. An In-Water Work and Diversion Water Quality Monitoring Report, as described in Attachment D, shall be submitted within two weeks on initiation of in-water construction, and every two weeks thereafter. In reporting the data, the Permittee shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the sampling locations, date, constituents, and concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to illustrate clearly whether the Project complies with Order requirements. The report shall include surface water sampling results, visual observations, and identification of the turbidity increase in the receiving water applicable to the natural turbidity conditions specified in the turbidity criteria in XIV.C.3.

If no sampling is required, the Permittee shall submit a written statement stating, "No sampling was required" within two weeks on initiation of in-water construction, and every two weeks thereafter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136; where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, the method shall be approved by Central Valley Water Board staff. Grab samples shall be taken between the surface and mid-depth and not be collected at the same time each day to get a complete representation of variations in the receiving water. A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring shall be maintained onsite.

**Table 2: Sample Type and Frequency Requirements** 

Parameter	Unit of Measurement	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Every 4 hours
Visible construction related pollutants <sup>3</sup>	Observations	Visual Inspections	Continuous throughout the construction period

## 4. Post-Construction – Not Applicable

#### D. Standard

- 1. This Order is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Water Code section 13330, and California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Chapter 28, article 6 commencing with sections 3867-3869, inclusive. Additionally, the Central Valley Water Board reserves the right to suspend, cancel, or modify and reissue this Order, after providing notice to the Permittee, if the Central Valley Water Board determines that: the Project fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order; or, when necessary to implement any new or revised water quality standards and implementation plans adopted or approved pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code, section 13000 et seq.) or federal Clean Water Act section 303 (33 U.S.C. section 1313). For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), the condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with water quality standards and appropriate requirements of state law.
- 2. This Order is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license, unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to subsection 3855(b) of chapter 28, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, and that application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
- **3.** This Order is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations and owed by the Permittee.
- **4.** In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Order, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process, or sanctions as provided for under state and federal law. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), the applicability of any state

<sup>3</sup> Visible construction-related pollutants include oil, grease, foam, fuel, petroleum products, and construction-related, excavated, organic or earthen materials.

law authorizing remedies, penalties, processes, or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Order.

## E. General Compliance

- 1. Failure to comply with any condition of this Order shall constitute a violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the Clean Water Act. The Permittee and/or discharger may then be subject to administrative and/or civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13385.
- 2. Permitted actions must not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standards, including impairment of designated beneficial uses for receiving waters as adopted in the Basin Plans by any applicable Regional Water Board or any applicable State Water Board (collectively Water Boards) water quality control plan or policy. The source of any such discharge must be eliminated as soon as practicable.
- 3. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Order, the Central Valley Water Board may require the holder of this Order to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Water Boards deem appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. The additional monitoring requirements ensure that permitted discharges and activities comport with any applicable effluent limitations, water quality standards, and/or other appropriate requirement of state law.
- **4.** The Permittee must, at all times, fully comply with engineering plans, specifications, and technical reports submitted to support this Order; and all subsequent submittals required as part of this Order. The conditions within this Order and Attachments supersede conflicting provisions within Permittee submittals.
- 5. This Order and all of its conditions contained herein continue to have full force and effect regardless of the expiration or revocation of any federal license or permit issued for the Project. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), this condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements of state law.
- **6.** The Permittee shall adhere to all requirements in the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP), which is incorporated herein by reference and any additional measures as outlined in Attachment C, CEQA Findings of Fact.

7. Construction General Permit Requirement: The Permittee shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ; NPDES No. CAS000002), as amended, for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavation, and other land disturbance activities of one or more acres, or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres.

#### F. Administrative

- **1.** Signatory requirements for all document submittals required by this Order are presented in Attachment E of this Order.
- 2. This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered or candidate species or any act, which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & Wildlife Code, sections 2050-2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. sections 1531-1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this Order held by the Permittee, the Permittee must obtain authorization for the take prior to any construction or operation of the portion of the Project that may result in a take. The Permittee is responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable endangered species act for the Project authorized under this Order.
- 3. The Permittee shall grant Central Valley Water Board staff, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a Water Board representative), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, permission to:
  - **a.** Enter upon the Project or compensatory mitigation site(s) premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept.
  - **b.** Have access to and copy any records that are kept and are relevant to the Project or the requirements of this Order.
  - **c.** Inspect any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order.
  - **d.** Sample or monitor for the purposes of assuring Order compliance.
- **4.** A copy of this Order shall be provided to any consultants, contractors, and subcontractors working on the Project. Copies of this Order shall remain at the Project site for the duration of this Order. The Permittee shall be

responsible for work conducted by its consultants, contractors, and any subcontractors.

- 5. A copy of this Order must be available at the Project site(s) during construction for review by site personnel and agencies. All personnel performing work on the Project shall be familiar with the content of this Order and its posted location at the Project site.
- 6. Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement: The Permittee shall submit a signed copy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement to the Central Valley Water Board immediately upon execution and prior to any discharge to waters of the state.

#### G. Construction

- 1. Dewatering Not Applicable
- 2. Directional Drilling Not Applicable
- 3. Dredging Not Applicable

## 4. Fugitive Dust

Dust abatement activities can cause discharges of sediment to streams and uplands through application of water or other fluids. Dust abatement chemicals added to water can be hazardous to wildlife and, if allowed to enter streams, detrimental to water quality. Therefore, dust abatement activities shall be conducted so that sediment or dust abatement chemicals are not discharged into waters of the state. Dust abatement products or additives that are known to be detrimental to water quality or wildlife shall not be used, unless specific management needs are documented, and product-specific application plans are approved by Central Valley Water Board staff.

## 5. Good Site Management "Housekeeping"

- **a.** The Permittee shall develop and maintain onsite a project-specific Spill Prevention, Containment and Cleanup Plan outlining the practices to prevent, minimize, and/or clean up potential spills during construction of the Project. The Plan must detail the Project elements, construction equipment types and location, access and staging and construction sequence. The Plan must be made available to the Central Valley Water Board staff upon request.
- b. Refueling of equipment within the floodplain or within 300 feet of the waterway is prohibited. If critical equipment must be refueled within 300 feet of the waterway, spill prevention and countermeasures must be implemented to avoid spills. Refueling areas shall be provided with secondary containment including drip pans and/or placement of absorbent material. No hazardous materials, pesticides, fuels, lubricants, oils, hydraulic fluids, or other construction-related potentially hazardous

substances should be stored within a floodplain or within 300 feet of a waterway. The Permittee must perform frequent inspections of construction equipment prior to utilizing it near surface waters to ensure leaks from the equipment are not occurring and are not a threat to water quality.

**c.** All materials resulting from the Project shall be removed from the site and disposed of properly.

## 6. Hazardous Materials

- a. The discharge of petroleum products, any construction materials, hazardous materials, pesticides, fuels, lubricants, oils, hydraulic fluids, raw cement, concrete or the washing thereof, asphalt, paint, coating material, drilling fluids, or other substances potentially hazardous to fish and wildlife resulting from or disturbed by project-related activities is prohibited and shall be prevented from contaminating the soil and/or entering waters of the state. In the event of a prohibited discharge, the Permittee shall comply with notification requirements in sections XIV.B.3.a and XIV.B.3.b.
- **b.** No wet concrete will be placed into wetland and vernal pool habitat.

## 7. Invasive Species and Soil Borne Pathogens

Prior to arrival at the project site and prior to leaving the project site, construction equipment that may contain invasive plants and/or seeds shall be cleaned to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.

## 8. Post-Construction Storm Water Management

- **a.** The Permittee must minimize the short and long-term impacts on receiving water quality from the Project by implementing the following post-construction storm water management practices and as required by local agency permitting the Project, as appropriate:
  - i. Minimize the amount of impervious surface;
  - ii. Reduce peak runoff flows:
  - iii. Provide treatment BMPs to reduce pollutants in runoff;
  - iv. Ensure existing waters of the state (e.g., wetlands, vernal pools, or creeks) are not used as pollutant source controls and/or treatment controls;
  - v. Preserve and where possible, create or restore areas that provide important water quality benefits, such as riparian corridors, wetlands, and buffer zones;
  - vi. Limit disturbances of natural water bodies and natural drainage systems caused by development (including development of roads, highways, and bridges);

vii. Use existing drainage master plans or studies to ensure incorporation of structural and non-structural BMPs to mitigate the projected pollutant load increases in surface water runoff;

- viii. Identify and avoid development in areas that are particularly susceptible to erosion and sediment loss, or establish development quidance that protects areas from erosion/ sediment loss; and
- ix. Control post-development peak storm water run-off discharge rates and velocities to prevent or reduce downstream erosion, and to protect stream habitat.
- b. The Permittee shall ensure that all development within the Project provides verification of maintenance provisions for post-construction structural and treatment control BMPs as required by the local agency permitting the Project. Verification shall include one or more of the following, as applicable:
  - The developer's signed statement accepting responsibility for maintenance until the maintenance responsibility is legally transferred to another party; or
  - ii. Written conditions in the sales or lease agreement that require the recipient to assume responsibility for maintenance; or
  - iii. Written text in Project conditions, covenants and restrictions for residential properties assigning maintenance responsibilities to a homeowner's association, or other appropriate group, for maintenance of structural and treatment control BMPs; or
  - iv. Any other legally enforceable agreement that assigns responsibility for storm water BMPs maintenance.

#### 9. Roads

- a. The number of access routes, number and size of staging areas, and the total area of the activity must be limited to the minimum necessary to achieve the project goal. Routes and work area boundaries must be clearly demarcated.
- **b.** Bridges, culverts, dip crossings, or other structures must be installed so that water and in-stream sediment flow is not impeded. Appropriate design criteria, practices and materials must be used in areas where access roads intersect waters of the state.
- **c.** Temporary materials placed in any water of the state must be removed as soon as construction is completed at that location, and all temporary roads must be removed or re-contoured and restored according to approved revegetation and restoration plans.

d. Any structure, including but not limited to, culverts, pipes, piers, and coffer dams, placed within a stream where fish (as defined in California Fish and Game Code section 45) exist or may exist, must be designed, constructed, and maintained such that it does not constitute a barrier to upstream or downstream movement of aquatic life, or cause an avoidance reaction by fish due to impedance of their upstream or downstream movement. This includes, but is not limited to, maintaining the supply of water and maintaining flows at an appropriate depth, temperature, and velocity to facilitate upstream and downstream fish migration. If any structure results in a long-term reduction in fish movement, the discharger shall be responsible for restoration of conditions as necessary (as determined by the Water Board) to secure passage of fish across the structure.

e. A method of containment must be used below any temporary bridge, trestle, boardwalk, and/or other stream crossing structure to prevent any debris or spills from falling into the waters of the state. Containment must be maintained and kept clean for the life of the temporary stream crossing structure.

#### 10. Sediment Control

- a. Except for activities permitted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, soil, silt, or other organic materials shall not be placed where such materials could pass into surface water or surface water drainage courses.
- **b.** Silt fencing, straw wattles, or other effective management practices must be used along the construction zone to minimize soil or sediment along the embankments from migrating into the waters of the state through the entire duration of the Project.
- **c.** The use of netting material (e.g., monofilament-based erosion blankets) that could trap aquatic dependent wildlife is prohibited within the Project area.

## 11. Special Status Species

Vernal pool fairy shrimp.

#### 12. Stabilization/Erosion Control

- **a.** All areas disturbed by Project activities shall be protected from washout and erosion.
- **b.** Hydroseeding shall be performed with California native seed mix.

## 13. Storm Water

- a. During the construction phase, the Permittee must employ strategies to minimize erosion and the introduction of pollutants into storm water runoff. These strategies must include the following:
  - An effective combination of erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices (BMPs) must be implemented and adequately working prior to the rainy season and during all phases of construction.
- H. Site Specific Not Applicable
- I. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Not Applicable
- J. Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Not Applicable
- **K.** Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts:

Compensatory Mitigation is for permanent physical loss and permanent ecological degradation of a water of the state.

## 1. Compensatory Mitigation Plan

- a. The Permittee has submitted a draft compensatory mitigation plan as part of a complete application. The Permittee shall provide a final compensatory mitigation plan for written acceptance by Central Valley Water Board staff. Impacts to waters of the state are not authorized and shall not occur until a compensatory mitigation plan has been approved by Central Valley Water Board staff. Upon acceptance by Central Valley Water Board staff, the Permittee shall implement the approved plan.
- **b.** The final compensatory mitigation plan shall include all plan elements as outlined in 40 CFR section 230.94(c).
- **c.** Permittees fulfilling their compensatory mitigation obligations by securing credits from an approved mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program, need only include the items described in 40 CFR section 230.94(c)(5)-(6), and the name of the specific mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program to be used.
- 2. Irrevocable Letter of Credit Not Applicable
- 3. Permittee-Responsible Compensatory Mitigation Responsibility Not Applicable
- 4. Purchase of Mitigation Credits by Permittee for Compensatory Mitigation
  - **a.** A copy of the fully executed agreement for the purchase of mitigation credits shall be provided to the Central Valley Water Board prior to the initiation of in water work.

b. The Permittee shall retain responsibility for providing the compensatory mitigation and long-term management until Central Valley Water Board staff has received documentation of the credit purchase and the transfer agreement between the Permittee and the seller of credits.

## 5. Total Required Compensatory Mitigation

- a. The Permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation for the authorized impact to 1.154 acres of vernal pool habitat and 0.495 acre of wetland habitat by securing a minimum of 1.15 acres of vernal pool and 0.5 wetland creation mitigation credits from a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved mitigation bank, or as required by the USACE.
- **b.** Total required Project compensatory mitigation information for permanent physical loss of area is summarized in Table 3. [Establishment (Est.), Reestablishment (Re-est.), Rehabilitation (Reh.), Enhancement (Enh.), Preservation (Pres.), Unknown].

Table 3: Total Required Project Compensatory Mitigation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area

Aquatic Resource Type	Mitigation Type	Units	Est.	Re- est.	Reh.	Enh.	Pres.	Unknown
Vernal Pool	Mitigation Bank Credits	Acres	1.15					
Wetland	Mitigation Bank Credits	Acres	0.5					

#### L. Certification Deviation

1. Minor modifications of Project locations or predicted impacts may be necessary as a result of unforeseen field conditions, necessary engineering re-design, construction concerns, or similar reasons. Some of these prospective Project modifications may have impacts on water quality. Some modifications of Project locations or predicted impacts may qualify as Certification Deviations as set forth in Attachment F. For purposes of this Certification, a "Certification Deviation" is a Project locational or impact modification that does not require an immediate amendment of the Order, because the Central Valley Water Board has determined that any potential water quality impacts that may result from the change are sufficiently addressed by the Order conditions and the CEQA Findings. After the termination of construction, this Order will be formally amended to reflect all authorized Certification Deviations and any resulting adjustments to the

amount of water resource impacts and required compensatory mitigation amounts.

2. A Project modification shall not be granted a Certification Deviation if it warrants or necessitates changes that are not addressed by the Order conditions or the CEQA environmental document such that the Project impacts are not addressed in the Project's environmental document or the conditions of this Order. In this case a supplemental environmental review and different Order will be required.

## XV. Water Quality Certification

I hereby issue the Order for the Elverta Sports Park Project, WDID# 5A34CR00768, certifying that as long as all of the conditions listed in this Order are met, any discharge from the referenced Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Clean Water Act sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards).

The Central Valley Water Board will file a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH within five (5) working days of issuance of this Order. This discharge is also regulated pursuant to State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ which authorizes this Order to serve as Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code, section 13000 et seq.).

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Order actions are contingent on: (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the conditions of this Order and the attachments to this Order; and, (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of Statewide Water Quality Control Plans and Policies, the Regional Water Boards' Water Quality Control Plans and Policies.

Original Signed By James Marshall For	11 December 2019	
Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer	Date	
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board		

**Attachment A:** Project Map

**Attachment B:** Receiving Waters, Impacts, and Mitigation Information

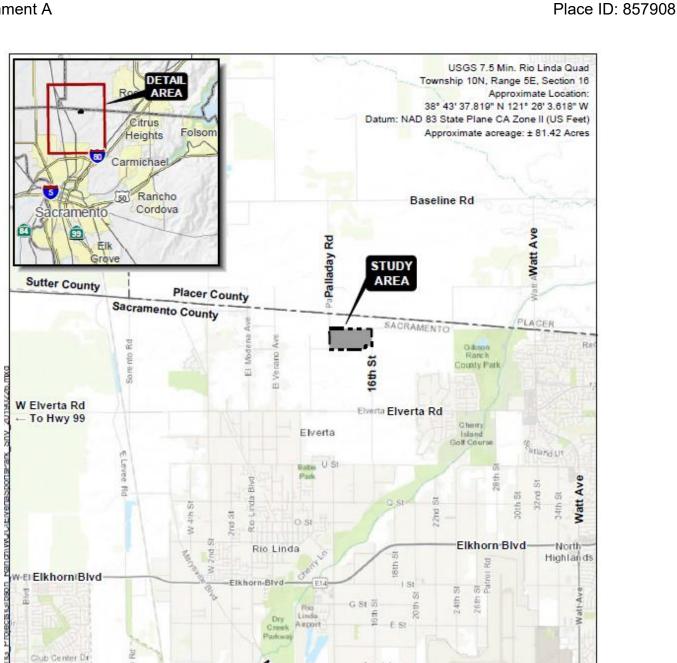
**Attachment C:** CEQA Findings of Facts

**Attachment D:** Report and Notification Requirements

**Attachment E:** Signatory Requirements

**Attachment F:** Certification Deviation Procedures

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FIGURE 1

Airfield McClellan AFB

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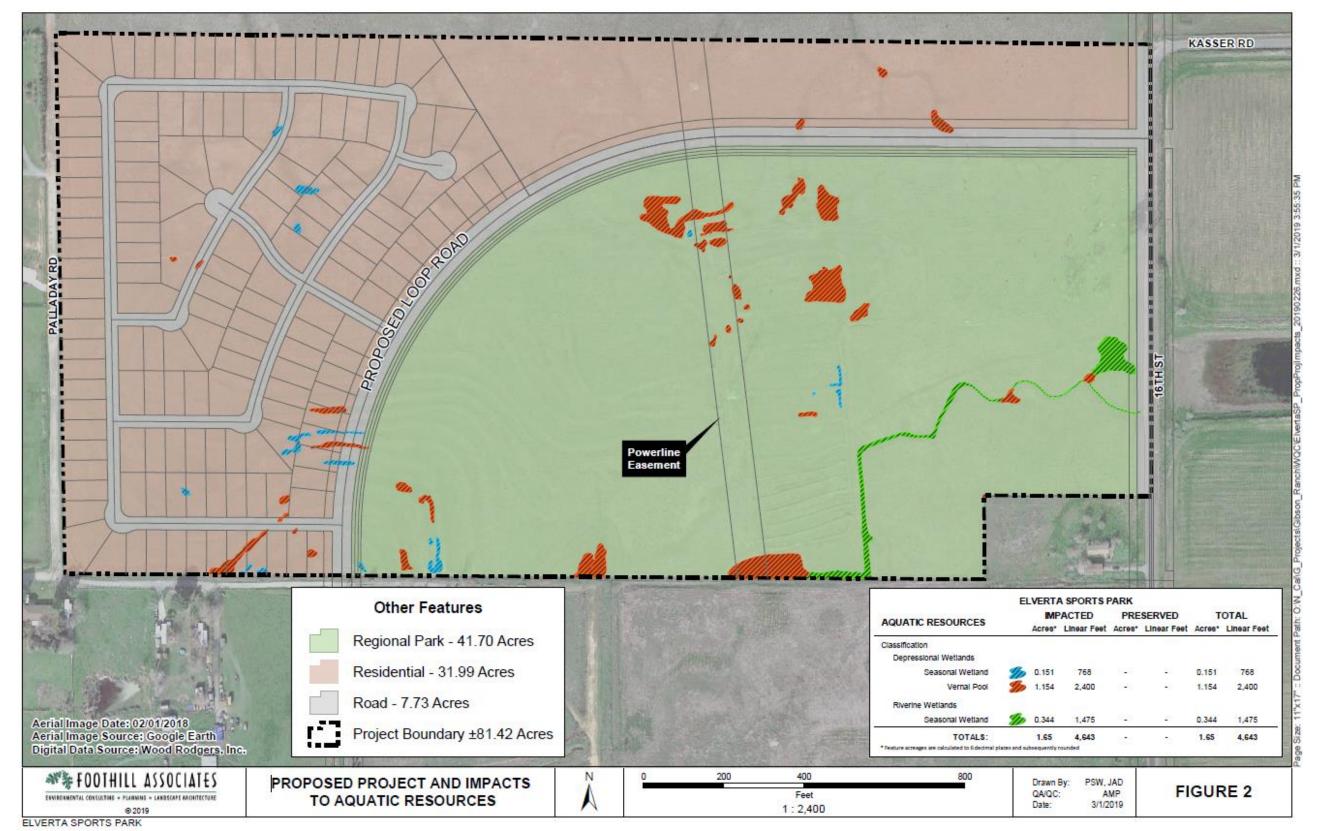


Figure 2 – Site Impact Map

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# **Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information**

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

**Table 1: Receiving Water(s) Information** 

Impact 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
Depressional Seasonal Wetland	Unnamed tributary to Steelhead Creek	Wetland	519.21 Lower American HSA	Sacramento River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC- 2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD, NAV	N/A	N/A
Vernal Pool	Unnamed tributary to Steelhead Creek	Vernal Pool	519.21 Lower American HSA	Sacramento River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC- 2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD, NAV	N/A	N/A
Riverine Seasonal Wetland	Unnamed tributary to Steelhead Creek	Wetland	519.21 Lower American HSA	Sacramento River	MUN, AGR, REC-1, REC- 2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD, NAV	N/A	N/A

<u>Individual Direct Impact Locations</u>
The following tables show individual impacts.

**Table 2: Individual Permanent Fill/Excavation Impact Information** 

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Depressional Seasonal Wetland	38.72712°	-121.43429°	No	0.151		768
Vernal Pool	38.72712°	-121.43429°	No	1.154		2,400
Riverine Seasonal Wetland	38.72712°	-121.43429°	No	0.344		1.475

# **Compensatory Mitigation Information**

The following table(s) show individual compensatory mitigation information and locations.

# **Mitigation Bank Compensatory Mitigation Site Information**

Mitigation Bank Name:	TBD
Website:	-

Mitigation Bank Contact Name: TBD

Phone: 
Email: -

Mitigation Location - County: TBD

Latitude: 
Longitude: -

# **Table 3: Mitigation Type Information**

Aquatic Resource Credit Type	Acres	Linear Feet	Number of Credits Purchased
Vernal Pool	1.5		Unknown
Wetland	0.5		Unknown



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#### A. Environmental Review

On 30 May 2007, the County of Sacramento, as lead agency, certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 200092026) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 5 July 2019. The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that the County of Sacramento's certified environmental document comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Public Resources Code, section 21167.3). The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and finds that the environmental document prepared by the County of Sacramento addresses the Project's water quality impacts. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15096, subd. (f).) The environmental document includes the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) developed by the County of Sacramento for all mitigation measures that have been adopted for the Project to reduce potential significant impacts. (Public Resources Code, section 21081.6, subd. (a)(1); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15091, subd. (d).)

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## **B.** Incorporation by Reference

Pursuant to CEQA, these Findings of Facts (Findings) support the issuance of this Order based on the Project FEIR, the application for this Order, and other supplemental documentation.

All CEQA project impacts, including those discussed in subsection C below, are analyzed in detail in the Project FEIR which is incorporated herein by reference. The Project FEIR is available at: 827 7th Street, Room 220, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Requirements under the purview of the Central Valley Water Board in the MMRP are incorporated herein by reference.

The Permittee's application for this Order, including all supplemental information provided, is incorporated herein by reference.

## C. Findings

The FEIR describes the potential significant environmental effects to water quality. Having considered the whole of the record, the Central Valley Water Board makes the following findings:

(1) Findings regarding impacts that will be mitigated to a less than significant level. (Public Resources Code, section 21081, subd. (a)(1); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15091, subd. (a)(1).)

Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the Project which avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effect as identified in the FEIR.

## a.i. Potential Significant Impact:

The Project may result in potentially significant impacts in the following areas: flooding, surface water quality impacts, and Drainage Master Plan (DMP) land use impacts

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## a.ii. Facts in Support of Finding:

Mitigation Measure HY-1: Specific Plan development shall implement the proposed Elverta Specific Plan Storm DMP (MacKay & Somps, October 16, 2002), the ultimate drainage facilities layout exhibit (updated May 2004), and the Dry Creek Road/ U Street Intersection Flood Mitigation Plan (MacKay & Somps, February 14, 2003) (contained in Appendix HY-1 of this EIR). All post-project peak drainage flows leaving the Specific Plan area, including the Agricultural Residential area, shall be reduced to at least existing peak flow conditions. Detailed plans for the design and construction of all proposed drainage, flood control and water quality improvements shall be submitted to the County DWR for review and approval. Attention to aesthetics shall be made a priority in the design of the drainage corridors and detention basins. Design plans for the Elverta DMP improvements shall be prepared in close cooperation with existing property owners to ensure that any adverse land use conflicts with existing development are minimized. All design and construction plans for the Elverta DMP improvements, including phased plans, shall demonstrate that the improvements will provide adequate on-site flood protection and stormwater quality treatment, and will not increase peak drainage flows leaving the Specific Plan area above existing peak flow conditions.

**Mitigation Measure HY-3:** Prior to any modification of the existing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped floodplain in the vicinity of Elverta Road and 9th Street, obtain approval of a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) from FEMA. In addition, provide in-kind replacement for any loss in flood storage capacity resulting from floodplain modifications.

(2) Findings regarding mitigation measures which are the responsibility of another agency. (Public Resources Code, section 21081, subd. (a)(2); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15091, subd. (a)(2)).

There are changes or alterations that are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of another public agency and not the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. Such changes have been adopted by such other agency or can and should be adopted by such other agency.

## a.i. Potential Significant Impact:

The Project may result in potentially significant impacts in the following areas: wetland impacts, special status species impacts, tree impacts, and countryside equestrian estates subdivision biological impacts.

## a.ii. Facts in Support of Finding:

**Mitigation Measure BR-1:** Specific Plan development projects that have the potential to impact wetland habitat shall provide a wetland delineation of the proposed development area verified by the USACE, and shall provide a detailed plan that describes the specific methods that will be implemented to mitigate any project impacts upon wetlands such that no net loss in wetland habitat acreage and values is achieved.

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**Mitigation Measure BR-2**: Specific Plan development projects shall obtain all necessary USACE permits pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and all necessary Streambed Alteration Agreements from the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFW) pursuant to the Fish and Game Code.

**Mitigation Measure BR-3:** Specific Plan development projects that have the potential to impact special status species shall conduct (or update) determinate surveys for potentially occurring special status species using protocol acceptable to the regulatory agencies with authority over the species.

For any special status species identified by the determinate surveys, provide a detailed plan developed in consultation with the regulatory resource agencies (USACE, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and CDFW) that describes the measures that will be implemented to avoid or reduce project impacts on any identified special status species. The detailed plan shall emphasize a multi-species approach to the maximum extent possible.

Where project impacts include taking of a federally listed species, a Section 10 Incidental Take Permit or a Biological Opinion resulting from Section 7 Consultation with another federal agency shall be obtained from the USFWS and permit conditions implemented, pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act.

Where project impacts include taking of a state listed species, an Incidental Take Permit shall be obtained from the CDFW and permit conditions implemented, pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act.

**Mitigation Measure BR-4:** With the exception of those parcels 5± acres and smaller in size at the time of Specific Plan approval (as listed in Table BR-13 and covering 172± acres of the 1,744± acre Plan area), Specific Plan rezones or development projects within the remaining 1,572± acres of the Plan area shall mitigate for loss of Swainson's hawk foraging habitat on a 1:1 basis by implementing one of the following alternatives:

a) Prior to approval of improvement plans, building permits, or recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first, the project proponent shall, to the satisfaction of the CDFW, prepare and implement a Swainson's hawk mitigation plan that will include preservation of Swainson's hawk foraging habitat.

b) Prior to approval of improvement plans, building permits, or recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first, or, if only a rezone is requested, prior to final adoption of the zoning agreement, the project proponent shall utilize one or more of the mitigation options (land dedication and/or fee payment) established in Sacramento County's Swainson's Hawk Impact Mitigation

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c) Should the County Board of Supervisors adopt a Swainson's hawk mitigation policy/program (which may include a mitigation fee payable prior to issuance of building permits) prior to the implementation of one of the measures above, the project proponent may be subject to that program instead.

Program (Chapter 16.130 of the Sacramento County Code).

Mitigation Measure BR-5: Specific Plan development projects that have the potential to impact native trees shall provide a survey identifying the location, species, and size of all existing on-site trees measuring 4-inches or greater in dbh (diameter at breast height). Existing trees shall be protected and preserved to the maximum extent feasible. The removal of any native oak or native black walnut tree measuring 6-inches or greater in dbh, or measuring 10-inches or greater in aggregate dbh for multi-trunked trees, and the removal of any native California sycamore tree measuring 19-inches dbh or greater, shall be compensated by planting replacement trees (in-kind species on an inch-for-inch basis) within the project area. In addition, the removal of any landmark tree (defined as an especially prominent or stately tree, or special variety of tree, either native or non-native, that is exceptional for its type and that is in good health and structural condition) may require mitigation as determined on a project by- project basis.

**Mitigation Measure BR-6:** Prior to any land disturbance activities, the Countryside Equestrian Estates project proponent shall obtain USACE verification of a wetland delineation for the project site.

**Mitigation Measure BR-7:** The Countryside Equestrian Estates project proponent shall ensure that the project will result in no net loss in wetland habitat acreage and values. No net loss shall be achieved by either one or a combination of the following methods:

- a) Preserve and protect the on-site wetlands.
- b) Prior to any disturbance of on-site wetlands, submit a Wetland Habitat Mitigation Plan to the Department of Environmental Review and Assessment for review and approval. The Wetland Habitat Mitigation Plan shall provide a detailed description of the size, location and design of proposed wetland creation sites, and a detailed description of how the created wetlands will be monitored and managed to ensure the success of the mitigation effort.
- c) Prior to the approval of improvement plans or the issuance of building permits, pay to the County of Sacramento an amount based on a rate of \$35,000 per acre for the unmitigated/uncompensated wetlands to be

impacted. The payment shall be collected by the Department of Planning and Community Development and deposited in the Wetlands Restoration Trust Fund.

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**Mitigation Measure BR-8:** The Countryside Equestrian Estates project proponent shall obtain all necessary Section 404 permits from the USACE, and all necessary Streambed Alteration Agreements from the CDFW.

Mitigation Measure BR-9: The stock pond and marsh area within the Countryside Equestrian Estates site provide suitable habitat for Rose mallow and Sanford's arrowhead (both CNPS List 1B plants), although an October 2000 field survey did not identify either of these plants. Confirming field surveys shall be conducted during the peak growth/flowering season (late spring/early summer) to determine the presence or absence of these plants on-site. If either plant is identified on-site, consultation with the CDFW shall occur in order to determine the protective measures (which may include transplanting) that must be implemented for the species.

Mitigation Measure BR-10: Prior to each phase of grading and construction on the Countryside Equestrian Estates site that occurs between March 1 and September 15, a focused survey for raptor nests on the site and on nearby trees (within half of a mile of the site) shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within 14 days prior to the start of construction work (including clearing and grubbing). If nesting is observed, consultation with the CDFW shall occur in order to determine the protective measures that must be implemented for the nesting birds of prey. If nesting is not observed, further action is not required.

**Mitigation Measure BR-11:** Prior to the approval of improvement plans, building permits, or recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first, the Countryside Equestrian Estates project proponent shall implement one of the following options to mitigate for the loss of 275± acres of Swainson's hawk foraging habitat:

- a) The project proponent shall, to the satisfaction of the CDFW, prepare and implement a Swainson's hawk mitigation plan that will include preservation of Swainson's hawk foraging habitat.
- b) The project proponent shall utilize one or more of the mitigation options (land dedication and/or fee payment) established in Sacramento County's Swainson's Hawk Impact Mitigation Program (Chapter 16.130 of the Sacramento County Code).
- c) Should the County Board of Supervisors adopt a Swainson's hawk mitigation policy/program (which may include a mitigation fee payable prior to issuance of building permits) prior to the implementation of one of the measures above, the project proponent may be subject to that program instead.

**Mitigation Measure BR-12:** Healthy native oak trees within the Countryside Equestrian Estates site (Tree # 11, 47, 54, 55, 56, 59, 60, 63, 64, 65, and 67 as identified on Plate BR-12 and Table BR 14 of this EIR) shall be preserved, and shall be protected by utilizing the following measures:

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- a) A circle with a radius measurement from the trunk of the tree to the tip of its longest limb constitutes the dripline protection area of each tree. The longest limb may not be cut back in order to change the dripline. The area within the dripline is a critical portion of the root zone and defines the minimum protected area of each tree. Removing limbs which make up the dripline does not change the protected area.
- b) Any trees that require pruning shall be pruned by a certified arborist prior to the start of construction work. All pruning shall be in accordance with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 pruning standards and the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) "Tree Pruning Guidelines".
- c) Temporary protective fencing shall be installed at least one foot outside the driplines of the oak trees prior to initiating construction, in order to avoid damage to the tree canopies and root systems.
- d) No signs, ropes, cables (except those that may be installed by a certified arborist to provide limb support) or any other items shall be attached to the oak trees. Small metallic numbering tags for the purpose of preparing tree reports and inventories shall be allowed.
- e) No vehicles, construction equipment, mobile home/office, supplies, materials or facilities shall be driven, parked, stockpiled or located within the driplines of the oak trees.
- f) No grading (grade cuts or fills) shall be allowed within the driplines of the oak trees.
- g) Drainage patterns on the site shall not be modified so that water collects or stands within, or is diverted across, the dripline of the oak trees.
- h) No trenching shall be allowed within the driplines of the oak trees. If it is absolutely necessary to install underground utilities within the dripline of an oak tree, the utility line shall be bored or jacked under the supervision of a certified arborist.
- i) The construction of impervious surfaces within the driplines of oak trees shall be stringently minimized. When it is absolutely necessary, a piped aeration system per County standard detail shall be installed under the supervision of a certified arborist.
- j) No sprinkler or irrigation system shall be installed in such a manner that sprays water or requires trenching within the driplines of oak trees. An above ground drip irrigation system is recommended.
- k) Landscaping beneath oak trees may include non-plant materials such as bark, mulch, wood chips, boulders, etc. The only plant species that shall be

planted within the driplines of oak trees are those that are tolerant of the natural semi-arid environs of the trees. Limited drip irrigation approximately twice per summer is recommended for the understory plants.

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(3) Findings regarding significant water quality or supply impacts being authorized due to specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations, including provision of employment opportunities for highly trained workers that cannot feasibly be mitigated to a less than significant level. (Public Resources Code, section 21081, subd. (a)(3); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15091, subd. (a)(3).)

Specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations, including provision of employment opportunities for highly trained workers, make infeasible the mitigation measures or project alternatives identified in the FEIR.

# a.i. Significant Effects:

The Project may result in significant impacts in the following areas: cumulative downstream flooding, and DMP habitat types.

## a.ii. Facts in Support of Finding:

**Mitigation Measure HY-5:** Prior to the approval of the detailed plans for the design and construction of all proposed Elverta DMP drainage, flood control and water quality improvements (required by Mitigation Measure HY-1 above) that may potentially impact wetland habitat, listed species, or native trees, the following items pertinent to each potentially impacted resource shall be submitted to the County Department of Environmental Review and Assessment (DERA) and County DWR for review and approval:

- a) A wetland delineation for the DMP improvement area verified by the USACE.
- b) A detailed mitigation plan for wetlands to be impacted by the proposed DMP improvements that specifically describes the measures that will be implemented to achieve no net loss in wetland habitat acreage and values.
- c) Determinate surveys of the DMP improvement area for potentially occurring special-status species.
- d) A detailed mitigation plan developed in consultation with the regulatory resource agencies (USACE, USFWS, and CDFW) that describes the measures that will be implemented to avoid or reduce impacts of the proposed DMP improvements on any special-status species identified in the determinate surveys.
- e) A tree survey of the DMP improvement area that identifies all existing trees four-inches dbh (diameter at breast height) or larger.

f) A detailed tree replacement planting plan that describes the measures that will be implemented to provide in-kind replacement plantings on an inch for-inch basis for the removal of any native oak and native black walnut trees measuring 6-inches or greater dbh (or 10-inches or greater in aggregate dbh for multi-trunked trees), any native California sycamore trees measuring 19-inches dbh or greater, and any landmark trees, as appropriate, where avoidance is not possible.

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**Mitigation Measure HY-6:** Implementation of the proposed Elverta DMP improvements shall not occur until all necessary permits and/or agreements for the proposed improvements have been obtained from the USACE, USFWS, and CDFW.

**Mitigation Measure HY-7:** Construction of mitigation wetlands shall not occur within the Elverta DMP drainage corridors, unless written evidence is provided to the County DWR that the USACE will allow DWR channel maintenance activities within the mitigation areas as needed to achieve the drainage corridors' primary flood conveyance and stormwater treatment functions.

#### D. Statement of Overriding Considerations

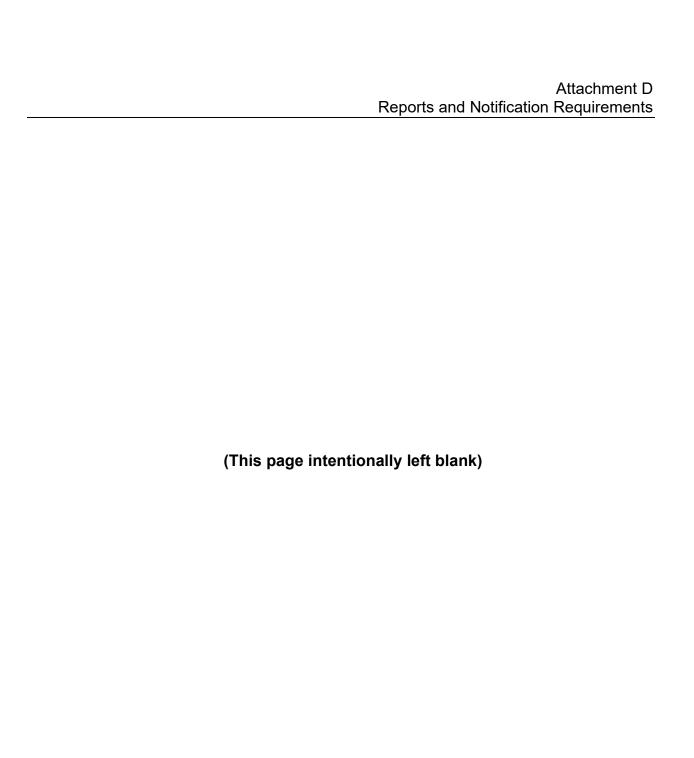
The County of Sacramento FEIR identifies certain significant impacts to the environment that cannot be avoided or substantially lessened with the application of feasible mitigation measures or feasible alternatives. Because there are significant and unavoidable impacts the Central Valley Water Board provides this Statement of Overriding Considerations in compliance with CEQA. (Public Resources Code, section 21081, subd (b); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15093.)

The significant and unavoidable impacts and the benefits related to implementing the Project are disclosed in the County of Sacramento FEIR, CEQA Findings of Fact, and Statement of Overriding Considerations. The unavoidable impacts to water quality are discussed in subsection C above.

The Central Valley Water Board has considered the economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits of the Project against its significant unavoidable impacts to water quality and finds that the specific economic, legal, social, and technological benefits of implementing the Project outweigh the significant and unavoidable impacts to water quality.

#### E. Determination

The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and supplemental information provided by the County of Sacramento and has reached its own conclusion to approve this Project. The Central Valley Water Board will file a NOD with the SCH within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Order. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15096.)



# REPORTS AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

# I. Copies of this form

In order to identify your project, it is necessary to include a copy of the Project specific Cover Sheet below with your report; please retain for your records. If you need to obtain a copy of the Cover Sheet, you may download a copy of this Order as follows:

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A. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\_decisions/adopted\_orders/401 wgcerts/)

**B.** Find your Order based on the County, Permittee, WDID No., and/or Project Name.

#### II. Report Submittal Instructions

- A. Check the box on the Report and Notification Cover Sheet next to the report or notification you are submitting. (See your Order for specific reports required for your Project)
  - Part A (Monthly & Annual Reports): These reports will be submitted monthly and annually until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued.
  - Part B (Project Status Notifications): Used to notify the Central Valley Water Board of the status of the Project schedule that may affect Project billing.
  - Part C (Conditional Notifications and Reports): Required on a case by case basis for accidental discharges of hazardous materials, violation of compliance with water quality standards, notification of in-water work, or other reports.
- **B.** Sign the Report and Notification Cover Sheet and attach all information requested for the Report Type.
- **C.** Electronic Report Submittal Instructions:
  - Submit signed Report and Notification Cover Sheet and required information via email to: <a href="mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov">centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov</a> and co: <a href="mailto:Jordan.Hensley@waterboards.ca.gov">Jordan.Hensley@waterboards.ca.gov</a>
  - Include in the subject line of the email:
     ATTN: Jordan Hensley; Project Name; and WDID No. 5A34CR00768

# **III. Definition of Reporting Terms**

A. <u>Active Discharge Period:</u> The active discharge period begins with the effective date of this Order and ends on the date that the Permittee receives a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or, if no post-construction monitoring is required, a Notice of Project Complete Letter. The Active Discharge Period includes all elements of the Project including site construction and restoration, and any Permittee responsible compensatory mitigation construction.

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- B. Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter: This request by the Permittee to the Central Valley Water Board staff pertains to projects that have post construction monitoring requirements, e.g. if site restoration was required to be monitored for 5 years following construction. Central Valley Water Board staff will review the request and send a Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee upon approval. This letter will initiate the post-discharge monitoring period and a change in fees from the annual active discharge fee to the annual post-discharge monitoring fee.
- C. Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter: This request by the Permittee to the Central Valley Water Board staff pertains to projects that either have completed post-construction monitoring and achieved performance standards or have no post-construction monitoring requirements, and no further Project activities are planned. Central Valley Water Board staff will review the request and send a Project Complete Letter to the Permittee upon approval. Termination of annual invoicing of fees will correspond with the date of this letter.
- D. <u>Post-Discharge Monitoring Period</u>: The post-discharge monitoring period begins on the date of the Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter and ends on the date of the Notice of Project Complete Letter issued by the Central Valley Water Board staff. The Post-Discharge Monitoring Period includes continued water quality monitoring or compensatory mitigation monitoring.
- E. Effective Date: 11 December 2019

#### IV. Map/Photo Documentation Information

When submitting maps or photos, please use the following formats.

## A. Map Format Information:

Preferred map formats of at least 1:24000 (1" = 2000') detail (listed in order of preference):

 GIS shapefiles: The shapefiles must depict the boundaries of all project areas and extent of aquatic resources impacted. Each shape should be attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Features and boundaries should be accurate to within 33 feet (10 meters). Identify datum/projection used and if possible, provide map with a North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) in the California Teale Albers projection in feet. • **Google KML files** saved from Google Maps: My Maps or Google Earth Pro. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Include URL(s) of maps. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.

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- Other electronic format (CAD or illustration format) that provides a context for location (inclusion of landmarks, known structures, geographic coordinates, or USGS DRG or DOQQ). Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- Aquatic resource maps marked on paper USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps or Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQ) printouts. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- **B.** <u>Photo-Documentation:</u> Include a unique identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions.

V. Report and Notification Cover Sheet

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"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

Print Name <sup>1</sup>	Affiliation and Job Title
Signature	Date
<sup>1</sup> STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION (include if authorization has changed since application was submitted)	
I hereby authorize in the submittal of this report, and to furnish support of this submittal.	to act in my behalf as my representative upon request, supplemental information in
Permittee's Signature	Date

\*This Report and Notification Cover Sheet must be signed by the Permittee or a duly authorized representative and included with all written submittals.

# A. Part A - Project Reporting

# 1. Report Type 1 - Monthly Report

**a. Report Purpose** - Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of the Project status and environmental compliance activities on a monthly basis.

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b. When to Submit - On the 1st day of each month after the submittal of the Commencement of Construction Notification until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.

# c. Report Contents -

i. Construction Summary

Describe Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs). Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control If construction has not started, provide estimated start date.

## ii. Event Summary

Describe distinct Project activities and occurrences, including environmental monitoring, surveys, and inspections.

#### iii. Photo Summary

Provide photos of Project activities. For each photo, include a unique site identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions.

# iv. Compliance Summary

- List name and organization of environmental surveyors, monitors, and inspectors involved with monitoring environmental compliance for the reporting period.
- List associated monitoring reports for the reporting period.
- Summarize observed incidences of non-compliance, compliance issues, minor problems, or occurrences.
- Describe each observed incidence in detail. List monitor name and organization, date, location, type of incident, corrective action taken (if any), status, and resolution.

# 2. Report Type 2 - Annual Report

a. Report Purpose - Notify the Central Valley Water Board staff of Project status during both the active discharge and post-discharge monitoring periods.

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- b. When to Submit Annual reports shall be submitted each year on the 1st day of January. Annual reports shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.
- c. Report Contents The contents of the annual report shall include the topics indicated below for each project period. Report contents are outlined in Annual Report Topics below.

#### **During the Active Discharge Period**

- Topic 1: Construction Summary
- Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status
- Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status

# **During the Post-Discharge Monitoring Period**

- Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status
- Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status
- Annual Report Topic 1 Construction Summary

**When to Submit -** With the annual report during the Active Discharge Period.

**Report Contents -** Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction storm water best management practices (BMPs). If construction has not started, provide estimated start date and reasons for delay.

- 1) Map showing general Project progress.
- 2) If applicable:
  - a) Summary of Conditional Notification and Report Types 6 and 7 (Part C below).
  - b) Summary of Certification Deviations. See Certification Deviation Attachment for further information.
- ii. Annual Report Topic 2 Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status

**When to Submit -** With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.

## **Report Contents -**

 Planned date of initiation and map showing locations of mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and all upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.

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- 2) If mitigation for temporary impacts has already commenced, provide a map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the restoration plan.
- iii. Annual Report Topic 3 Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status

**When to Submit -** With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.

# Report Contents - \*If not applicable report N/A.

#### 1) Part A. Permittee Responsible

- a) Planned date of initiation of compensatory mitigation site installation.
- b) If installation is in progress, a map of what has been completed to date.
- c) If the compensatory mitigation site has been installed, provide a final map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the compensatory mitigation plan.

# 2) Part B. Mitigation Bank or In-Lieu Fee

- a) Status or proof of purchase of credit types and quantities.
- b) Include the name of bank/ILF Program and contact information.
- c) If ILF, location of project and type if known.

#### B. Part B - Project Status Notifications

#### 1. Report Type 3 - Commencement of Construction

**a. Report Purpose** - Notify Central Valley Water Board staff prior to the start of construction.

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**b. When to Submit** - Must be received at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.

# c. Report Contents -

- i. Date of commencement of construction.
- ii. Anticipated date when discharges to waters of the state will occur.
- iii. Project schedule milestones including a schedule for onsite compensatory mitigation, if applicable.
- iv. Construction Storm Water General Permit WDID No.
- v. Proof of purchase of compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts from the mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program.

## 2. Report Type 4 - Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter

- **a. Report Purpose** Notify Central Valley Water Board staff that post-construction monitoring is required and that active Project construction, including any mitigation and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation, is complete.
- **b. When to Submit** Must be received by Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities.

#### c. Report Contents -

- i. Status of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.
- ii. Status of post-construction storm water BMP installation.
- iii. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all Project activity sites where the discharge of dredge and/or fill/excavation was authorized.
- iv. Summary of Certification Deviation discharge quantities compared to initial authorized impacts to waters of the state, if applicable.
- v. An updated monitoring schedule for mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation during the post-discharge monitoring period, if applicable.

# 3. Report Type 5 - Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter

a. Report Purpose - Notify Central Valley Water Board staff that construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, or is not required, and no further Project activity is planned. **b. When to Submit** - Must be received by Central Valley Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities.

#### c. Report Contents -

- i. Part A: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts
  - A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for Project site upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.

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- A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for restored areas of temporary impacts to waters of the state. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all restoration sites.
- ii. Part B: Permittee Responsible Compensatory Mitigation
  - 1) A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the compensatory mitigation plan have been met.
  - 2) Status on the implementation of the long-term maintenance and management plan and funding of endowment.
  - 3) Pre- and post-photo documentation of all compensatory mitigation sites.
  - 4) Final maps of all compensatory mitigation areas (including buffers).
- iii. Part C: Post-Construction Storm Water BMPs
  - 1) Date of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.
  - 2) Report status and functionality of all post-construction BMPs.

#### C. Part C – Conditional Notifications and Reports

# 1. Report Type 6 - Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report

- **a. Report Purpose** Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff that an accidental discharge of hazardous material has occurred.
- b. When to Submit Within five (5) working days following the date of an accidental discharge. Continue reporting as required by Central Valley Water Board staff.

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## c. Report Contents -

- i. The report shall include the OES Incident/Assessment Form, a full description and map of the accidental discharge incident (i.e. location, time and date, source, discharge constituent and quantity, aerial extent, and photo documentation). If applicable, the OES Written Follow-Up Report may be substituted.
- ii. If applicable, any required sampling data, a full description of the sampling methods including frequency/dates and times of sampling, equipment, locations of sampling sites.
- iii. Locations and construction specifications of any barriers, including silt curtains or diverting structures, and any associated trenching or anchoring.

# 2. Report Type 7 - Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report

- **a. Report Purpose** Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff that a violation of compliance with water quality standards has occurred.
- **b. When to Submit** The Permittee shall report any event that causes a violation of water quality standards within three (3) working days of the noncompliance event notification to Central Valley Water Board staff.
- c. Report Contents The report shall include: the cause; the location shown on a map; and the period of the noncompliance including exact dates and times. If the noncompliance has not been corrected, include: the anticipated time it is expected to continue; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and any monitoring results if required by Central Valley Water Board staff.

# Report Type 8 - In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report

a. Report Purpose - Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of the start and completion of in-water work. Reports the sampling results during inwater work and during the entire duration of temporary surface water diversions. **b. When to Submit** - Seven (7) days prior to the start of in-water work. Within three (3) working days following the completion of in-water work. Surface water monitoring reports to be submitted two (2) weeks on initiation of in-water construction and during entire duration of temporary surface water diversions. Continue reporting in accordance with the approved water quality monitoring plan or as indicated in XIV.C.3.

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**c. Report Contents** - As required by the approved water quality monitoring plan or as indicated in XIV.C.3.

# 4. Report Type 9 - Modifications to Project Report

- a. Report Purpose Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff if the Project, as described in the application materials, is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.
- **b. When to Submit** If Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.
- **c. Report Contents** A description and location of any alterations to Project implementation. Identification of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with the Order.

# 5. Report Type 10 - Transfer of Property Ownership Report

- **a. Report Purpose** Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of change in ownership of the Project or Permittee-responsible mitigation area.
- **b. When to Submit** At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of ownership.

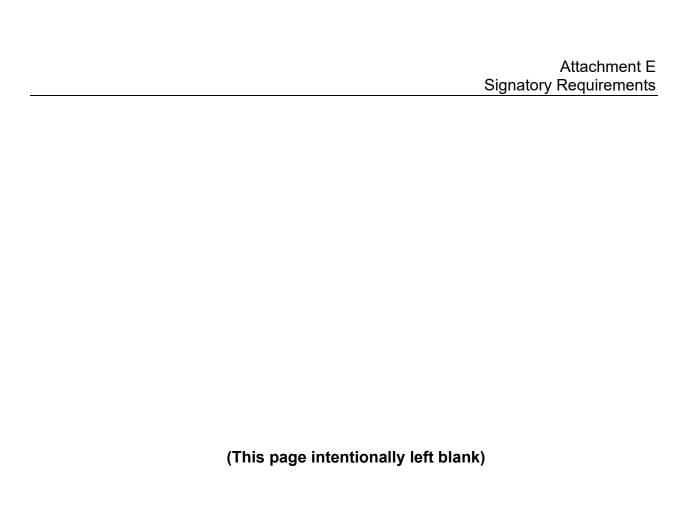
# c. Report Contents -

- i. A statement that the Permittee has provided the purchaser with a copy of this Order and that the purchaser understands and accepts:
  - the Order's requirements and the obligation to implement them or be subject to administrative and/or civil liability for failure to do so; and
  - responsibility for compliance with any long-term BMP maintenance plan requirements in this Order. Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control
- ii. A statement that the Permittee has informed the purchaser to submit a written request to the Central Valley Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order.

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# 6. Report Type 11 - Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report

- **a. Report Purpose** Notifies Central Valley Water Board staff of transfer of long-term BMP maintenance responsibility.
- **b. When to Submit** At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.
- **c. Report Contents** A copy of the legal document transferring maintenance responsibility of post-construction BMPs.



#### SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

All Documents submitted in compliance with this Order shall meet the following signatory requirements:

**A.** All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) must be signed and certified as follows:

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- **1.** For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer of at least the level of vice-president.
- **2.** For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or proprietor, respectively.
- **3.** For a municipality, or a state, federal, or other public agency, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
- **B.** A duly authorized representative of a person designated in items 1.a through 1.c above may sign documents if:
  - **1.** The authorization is made in writing by a person described in items 1.a through 1.c above.
  - **2.** The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated activity.
  - **3.** The written authorization is submitted to the Central Valley Water Board Staff Contact prior to submitting any documents listed in item 1 above.
- **C.** Any person signing a document under this section shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."



# **CERTIFICATION DEVIATION PROCEDURES**

#### I. Introduction

These procedures are put into place to preclude the need for Order amendments for minor changes in the Project routing or location. Minor changes or modifications in project activities are often required by the Permittee following start of construction. These deviations may potentially increase or decrease impacts to waters of the state. In such cases, a Certification Deviation, as defined in Section L of the Order, may be requested by the Permittee as set forth below:

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# **II. Process Steps**

- **A.** Who may apply: The Permittee or the Permittee's duly authorized representative or agent (hereinafter, "Permittee") for this Order.
- **B.** How to apply: By letter or email to the 401 staff designated as the contact for this Order.
- C. <u>Certification Deviation Request:</u> The Permittee will request verification from the Central Valley Water Board staff that the project change qualifies as a Certification Deviation, as opposed to requiring an amendment to the Order. The request should:
  - 1. Describe the Project change or modification:
    - a. Proposed activity description and purpose;
    - b. Why the proposed activity is considered minor in terms of impacts towaters of the state:
    - c. How the Project activity is currently addressed in the Order; and,
    - d. Why a Certification Deviation is necessary for the Project.
  - 2. Describe location (latitude/longitude coordinates), the date(s) it will occur, as well as associated impact information (i.e., temporary or permanent, federal or non-federal jurisdiction, water body name/type, estimated impact area, etc.) and minimization measures to be implemented.
  - 3. Provide all updated environmental survey information for the new impact area.
  - 4. Provide a map that includes the activity boundaries with photos of the site.
  - 5. Provide verification of any mitigation needed according to the Order conditions.
  - 6. Provideverification from the CEQA Lead Agency that the proposed changes or modifications do not trigger the need for a subsequent environmental document, an addendum to the environmental document, or a supplemental EIR. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15162-15164.)

# D. Post-Discharge Certification Deviation Reporting:

1. Within 30 calendar days of completing the approved Certification Deviation activity, the Permittee will provide a post-discharge activity report that includes the following information:

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- a. Activity description and purpose;
- b. Activity location, start date, and completion date;
- c. Erosion control and pollution prevention measures applied;
- d. The net change in impact area by water body type(s) in acres, linear feet and cubic yards;
- e. Mitigation plan, if applicable; and,
- f. Map of activity location and boundaries; post-construction photos.

# E. Annual Summary Deviation Report:

- 1. Until a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued, include in the Annual Project Report (see Construction Notification and Reporting attachment) a compilation of all Certification Deviation activities through the reporting period with the following information:
  - a. Site name(s);
  - b. Date(s) of Certification Deviation approval;
  - c. Location(s) of authorized activities;
  - d. Impact area(s) by water body type prior to activity in acres, linear feet and cubic yards, as originally authorized in the Order;
  - e. Actual impact area(s) by water body type in, acres, linear feet and cubic yards, due to Certification Deviation activity(ies);
  - f. The net change in impact area by water body type(s) in acres, linear feet and cubic yards; and
  - g. Mitigation to be provided (approved mitigation ratio and amount).