
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, SYCAMORE CREEK TOLLHOUSE EMERGENCY PROJECT (WDID# 5B10CR00128), FRESNO COUNTY

On 9 June 2023, Southern California Edison (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 9 October 2018 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (General Certification Order) for the Sycamore Creek Tollhouse Emergency Project (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity will take place in 0.065 acres/235 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection Activities, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 9 June 2023, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 3.7-acre Project consists of replacing and raising an existing span bridge that was washed out during the 2022-2023 rainy season. Bridge replacement would include the construction of:

1. New abutments;
2. Two small retaining walls;
3. Two energy dissipators to mitigate the potential for erosion from road runoff;
4. Grouted riprap on the northeast-facing fill slope of the northern approach and where an ephemeral channel currently runs along the western side of the road where it approaches the bridge from the north;
5. Grading to raise the road to the new bridge deck elevation;
6. Installation of a temporary prefabricated span bridge;
7. Replacement of the temporary structure with the final prefabricated span bridge;
8. Installation and removal of a temporary culvert crossing over an unnamed tributary that transects the access road to the site;
9. Construction of temporary crane pads;
10. Removal of the washed-out span bridge from the creek; and
11. Restoration of all temporary impacts to pre-project grade. The existing abutments will be left in place.

The Project will permanently impact 0.007 acres/95 linear feet and temporarily impact 0.056 acres/140 linear feet of waters of the United States.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

The Applicant 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, as amended for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavations, 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.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located near cross streets of Sycamore Road and Holkoma Drive.

Section 23, Township 11 South, Range 24 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 36.956578 and Longitude: -119.321565

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is 15 June 2023 through 15 September 2023.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,734.00 was received on 27 June 2023.

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 F - Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Ernesto Garcia at (559) 445-6281 or at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov.



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