

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

22 May 2025

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER SB12006GN,
AMENDED ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER
QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS,
WANDA LAKE RESTORATION AND TRAIL RE-ROUTE PROJECT (WDID#
5B10CR00138), FRESNO COUNTY**

On 9 May 2025, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. SB12006GN, Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Wanda Lake Restoration and Trail Re-route Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. SB12006GN. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order SB12006GN](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/srhcpcert032713.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/srhcpcert032713.pdf) can be found on the State Water Board's General Orders webpage and is enclosed.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. SB12006GN. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. SB12006GN constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 0.24-acre Project consists of rerouting approximately 3,000 linear feet (LF) of the John Muir Trail (JMT) away from the lakeshore of Wanda Lake. The JMT is currently aligned through a wetland complex near the shore which is impacting the function and habitat quality of the meadows. Relocating the JMT will allow for restoration of the wetlands.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include the removal of the trail from wetlands and subsequent contouring and replanting of the areas. The Project will temporarily impact 0.09 acre of wetland. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition. The Project will result in an increase of 0.09 acre of wetland which will be restored.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at on the JMT near Wanda Lake in Sierra and Kings Canyon National Parks. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 37.12607 Degrees and longitude -118.69270 Degrees.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project is expected to begin in July 2025 and conclude before October 2026. The seasonal work period for any year is July 1 to September 30th.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

Federal dischargers involved in Dredge and Fill Operations only are not subject to permit fees as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

MITIGATION AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:

You must implement the mitigation and minimization measures proposed in your Mitigation Plan.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

Upon completion of the Project, you shall submit a Notice of Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after Project completion. The NOC shall demonstrate the Project was carried out in accordance with the Project description, include a map of the Project location with final boundaries of the restoration area, and include post-project photographs. More information on the NOC is listed in section B.6 of the Order.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Brandon Salazar by phone at (559) 445-6278 or by email at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

Digitally signed by Alex S. Mushegan on 22 May 2025
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Executive Officer

Enclosure: Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality
Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File # SB12006GN

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