
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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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,
BRIDALVEIL MEADOW RESTORATION PROJECT (WDID: 5B22CR00060),
MARIPOSA COUNTY**

On 16 May 2022, Yosemite National Park 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.

The Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Bridalveil Meadow Restoration Project (Project) meet the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. SB12006GN. You may proceed with your Projects in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order SB12006GN](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/hrpcert032713.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/hrpcert032713.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control 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 Project will restore wetland hydrology (e.g., high groundwater levels and sheet flow) and meadow function to 4.54 acres of meadow due to a severe head cut. This action was specifically called for in the Merced Wild and Scenic River Management Plan (2014). A part of the gully and knickpoint will be filled to the head cut on the riverbank in 0.13-acre area with 370 cubic yards of native soil and to spread water out in the meadow and to stabilize the head cut. A small amount of local rock will be used for

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head cut stabilization in combination with soil and native vegetation. Finally, the Park Service will plant native plant plugs, sow native seed, install willow cuttings, and introduce duff around these plantings.

The work will primarily be done by hand, but a skid steer would be used to move soil, staying within the gully and head cut itself to not disturb additional meadow area and would work its way back out to the road.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is in Yosemite Valley, Mariposa County California. The approximate center of the Project area is at latitude 37.717123 degrees North and longitude -119.659900 degrees West.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Project work is expected to occur sometime between June 2022 and November 2022. The work is expected to take five months to complete.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

Fees are not required for Federal Agencies.

MITIGATION AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:

You must implement the mitigation and minimization measures proposed in your Mitigation Plan as specified in Section VIII of the Notice of Intent.

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 Ernesto P. Garcia by phone at (559) 445-6281 or by email at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File # SB12006GN

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