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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks  
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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,  
REROUTE DUSY BASIN TRAIL PROJECT (WDID#5C10CR00078),  
FRESNO COUNTY**

On 28 April 2021, 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.

The Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Reroute Dusy Basin Trail 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/hrpcert032713.pdf) ([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 0.015-acre Project consists rerouting the trail in lower Dusy Basin away from potential archaeological sites, lakeside camping areas, and unsustainable meadow alignments and rehabilitate the abandoned meadow trail segments by restoring them to natural conditions. After completion of trail restoration, the entrance and exit point of the original route will be obscured and blocked with large rocks and debris to prevent access to the rehabilitated area. Internal subsurface checks and large rocks will be

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installed along the original route to inhibit migration of soil materials and to stabilize newly transplanted vegetation.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include restoration of the old alignment in the meadow using a combination of de-compaction of original trail tread, addition of fill materials from the adjacent meadow, and transplanting grass plugs from the adjacent meadow. Additionally, four corrugated metal pipe culverts crossing the trail and focusing water will be removed and areas of their placement naturalized.

The Project will permanently impact 0.015 acre of wetland habitat and 0.00014 acre of riparian habitat.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is in Kings Canyon National Park, Fresno County California. The approximate center of the Project area is at latitude 37.096056 Degrees North and longitude -118.567796 Degrees West.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

Construction is expected between June 2021 and September 2022. Due to seasonal accessibility, 168 days total will be spent on the full project scope. Wetland restoration work will be limited to approximately 60 days out of the total 168-day project.

**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 E 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 Brandon Salazar by phone at (559) 445-6278 or by email at [Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov).



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

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