
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, MIDWAY EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5C15CR00132), KERN COUNTY

On 21 April 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 Midway Emergency Road Repair 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 within less than 1.172 acres/1,260 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 21 April 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 Project consists of approximately 74.3 miles of existing access road damaged by recent storms. The roads are required to maintain existing critical power infrastructure such as towers and facilities. The Applicant has initially identified approximately 69 potential stream crossings intersecting with the existing roads. Repairs will be conducted using heavy grading equipment to remediate hazardous road conditions identified within the project area. The estimated extent of impacts is unknown due to severely damaged road conditions. In support of emergency repairs, a biological monitor shall document all work within waters. All actualized repairs and impacts shall be provided within post construction monitoring and impact reporting.

The Project will temporarily impact 1.172 acres/1,260 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is in Kern County approximately 24 miles south of the city of Bakersfield.

Start: Latitude: 35.021695 degrees North and Longitude: -119.064009 degrees West

End: Latitude: 34.860271 degrees North and Longitude: -118.926767 degrees West

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project began construction in April 2023 and will extend through July 2023.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$ 2,734.00 was received on 21 April 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 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 Brandon Salazar at (559) 445-6287 or Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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