
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER NO. 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, 904143713 VESTAL SUBSTATION PROJECT (WDID 5C54CR00169), TULARE COUNTY

On 2 March 2026, Southern California Edison (Applicant) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the enrollment materials and finds the 904143713 Vestal Substation Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant may proceed with the Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order 2004-0004-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's Adopted Orders webpage.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 0.142-acre Project consists of the construction of an approximately three (3) foot tall flood wall along the north and west sides of the Vestal Substation, an access ramp over the wall along the west side of the substation, and drainage improvements along the substation boundary, including tying into an existing v-ditch within the substation and earthwork in the northwest corner of the substation. The flood wall will be constructed

using 12-inch concrete masonry units on a concrete footing, and the drainage will be installed on the substation side of the wall. The wall height varies from two feet to six feet from the top of footing to the top of wall. Ground cover over top of the footing will be between 12 and 24 inches. Excavation of up to three inches deep and seven feet wide will be required for the foundation of the footing. This will result in approximately two (2) cubic yards of excavation within jurisdictional areas. Equipment utilized for the Project will include hand tools, including pneumatic tools such as jackhammers, backhoes and excavators, skid steers (with attachments as needed), dump trucks, pickup trucks, a water truck, and a concrete truck. The temporary work area for the Project will be defined by a 50-foot buffer around the limits of the grading and direct ground disturbance (project footprint). No vegetation trimming or removal will be required to implement the proposed Project. The work area will be accessed from within the substation and from adjacent agricultural and disturbed open lands, which may be accessed via unpaved roadways off Richgrove Drive.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.064 acres/ 50 linear feet and permanently impact 0.005 acres/ five (5) linear feet of wetland aquatic resource. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

Total Project dredge and fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Tables 1 and 2. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition. Temporarily impacted areas shall be restored to pre-Project condition.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Wetland	0.064	- - -	50

Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Wetland	0.005	- - -	5

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located 4.8 miles southwest of Ducor, CA on Richgrove Drive. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 35.841829 degrees and longitude -119.086573 degrees.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project commenced on 15 January 2026 and has a completion date of 14 January 2031.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

A \$4,212.00 fee was received on 12 February 2026.

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 E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE:

Upon completion of the Project, the Applicant shall submit a complete Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be un-enrolled under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. Attachment 2 to the Order contains the NOT form.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Ernesto P. Garcia by phone at (559) 445-6126 or by email at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov

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