



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR NEXTERA ENERGY REOURCES, LLC COVERAGE UNDER ORDER 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEMEED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, BUCK BOULEVARD PROJECT (WDID NO. 7B333043001), RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Dear Mr. Lewis,

On January 2, 2025, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (Discharger) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order 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* (General Order). The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds that the dredge/fill discharges associated with the Buck Boulevard Project (Project) meets the requirements for enrollment. You are hereby enrolled under the General Order and may proceed with the Project therewith.

A copy of the General Order is attached. The General Order can also be found on the State Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage. (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf)

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of the General Order. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with

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the General Order constitutes a violation of the Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the General Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, IMPACTS, AND MITIGATION

The Discharger is improving a private segment of Buck Boulevard between 10th Avenue and just north of 8th Avenue. Improvements involve extending the existing roadway to a 20-foot-wide road segment with 2-foot shoulders on either side. Beginning at 10th Avenue, the road extension would consist of 4,185 feet of 0.5-foot-thick gravel/aggregate base. At the southern limits of the water crossing, the road would include 615 feet of 1-foot-thick concrete. After the water crossing, the road extension would consist of 858 feet of 0.5-foot-thick gravel/aggregate base through 8th Avenue.

The Discharger will utilize existing drainage crossings and build the road as near as possible to right angles to streams and washes to protect water quality. Dust control measures will also be implemented during construction especially in sensitive areas.

The Project will result in 0.02 acres and 7 linear feet of permanent impacts to Colorado River Basin Water Boards jurisdictional waters of the state. No temporary impacts were identified. Due to the low amount of permanent impact to waters of the state, no compensatory mitigation is required.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located approximately 4.5 miles northwest of the City of Blythe, Riverside County, California. This area is within Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, San Bernardino Base & Meridian.

The latitude and longitude of the impacted area are listed below. Maps showing the Project location are found in Attachment A of this Order.

Site	Latitude	Longitude
1	33.638866°	-114.683983°

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED

Payment of the fee in the amount of \$4,212 was received on January 9, 2025. 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 a “Category E – Low Impact Discharges” (fee code 87) fee with the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 dredge and fill fee calculator.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The County of Riverside evaluated the impacts associated with Buck Boulevard roadway improvements for the Palo Verde Mesa Solar (PVS) Project. On August 17, 2017, the County of Riverside, acting as “lead agency” for the Palo Verde Mesa

Solar (PVS) Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), filed a final environmental impact report (EIR) for the PVS Project (State Clearinghouse [SCH] No. 2012081026).

As a “responsible agency”, the Colorado River Basin Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental documents prepared by Riverside County and finds that they address the Project's water resource impacts. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (h).) The Colorado River Basin Water Boards has determined that the Project would not result in significant impacts to water resources when implemented in accordance with the mitigation measures and best management practices outlined in the EIR. Pursuant to CEQA, the Colorado River Basin Water Board finds that there is sufficient evidence to support the issuance of this Order.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

The Discharger must implement avoidance and minimization measures to minimize adverse impacts to waters of the state and comply with all applicable requirements in the General Order.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

Upon completion of the Project, the Discharger shall submit a completed Notice of Termination (NOT) form requesting to be un-enrolled in the General Order. The NOT form is included in Attachment 2 to the General Order.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Logan Raub, 401 Water Quality Certification Program Manager, at (760) 776-8966 or at Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Michael Placencia
Executive Officer
Colorado River Basin
Regional Water Quality Control Board

Enclosures: 1) Attachment A Project Maps
2) Attachment B Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

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File: WDID: 7B333043001, RM: 459602, Place ID: 898479, Buck Boulevard Project, Order 2004-0004-DWQ

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Attachment A
Project Maps

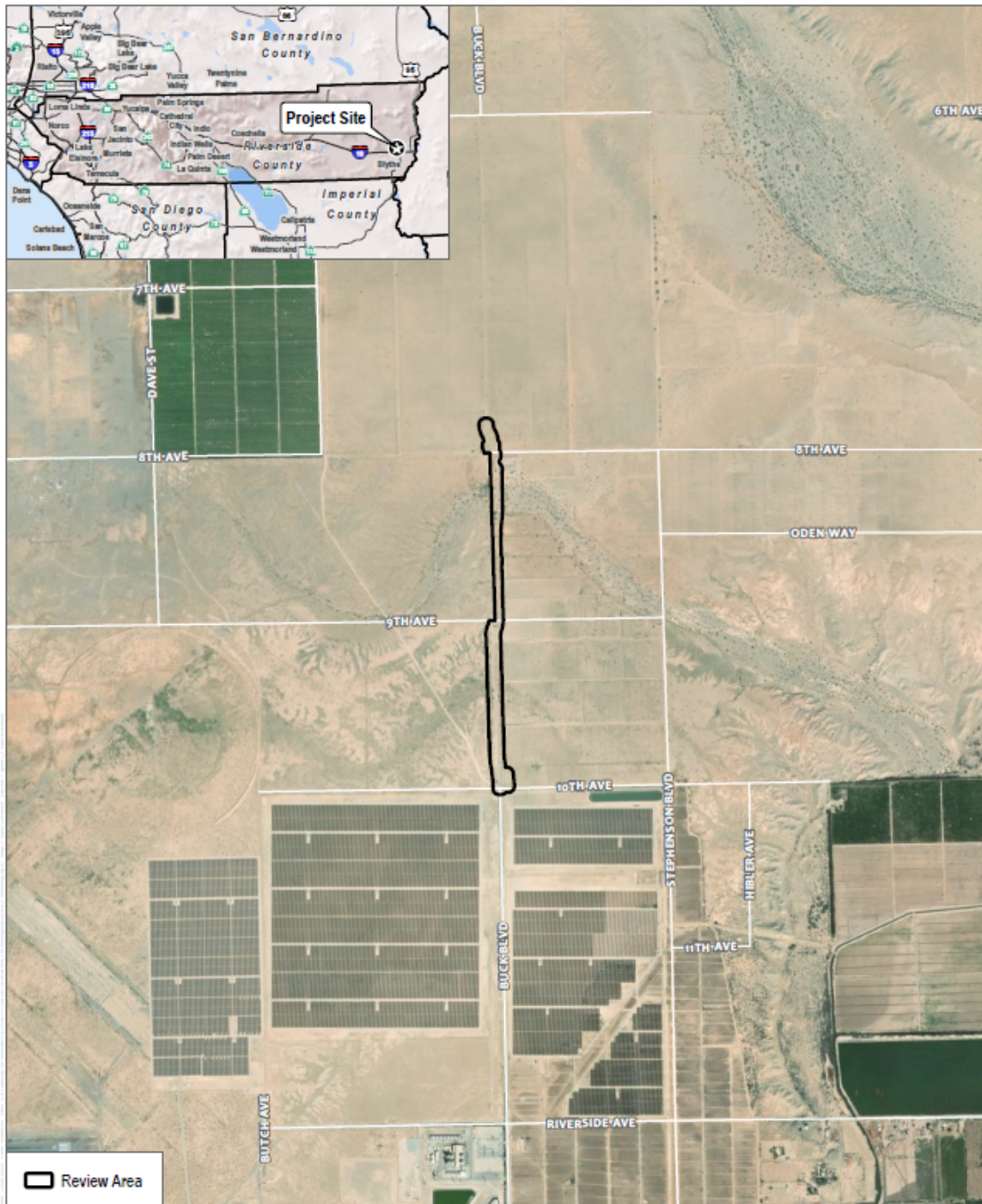


Figure 1: Regional Site Vicinity Map¹

¹NextEra Energy Resources LLC, January 2025. Notice of Intent (NOI) for Buck Boulevard Project.

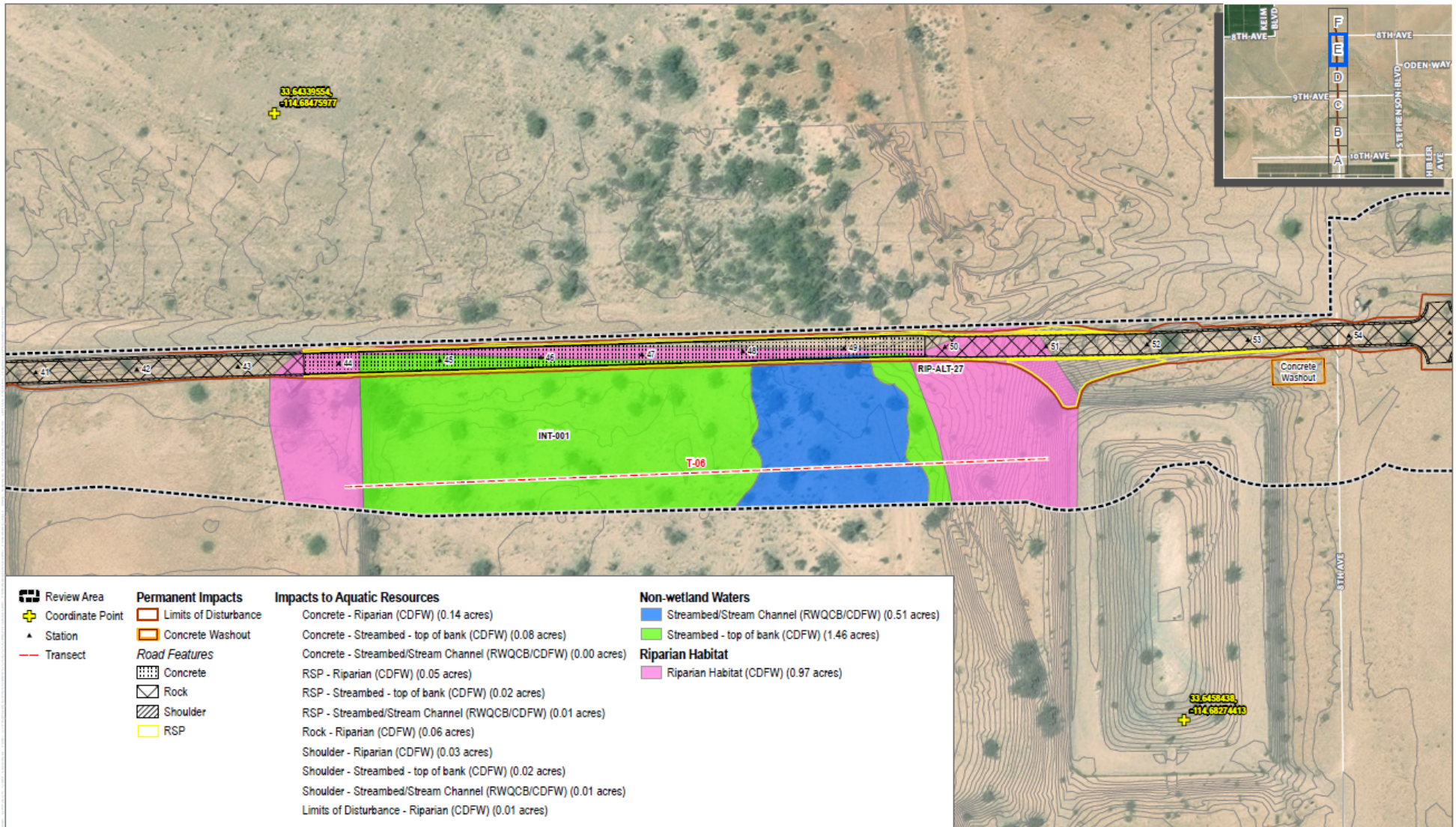


Figure 2: Project Jurisdiction Map



Figure 3: Photograph facing west of Buck Blvd as it crosses the ephemeral wash.

Attachment B
Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

A copy of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html