



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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June 17, 2025

Max Salazar
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER WQ 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, LINE 2000E PHASE 3 VALIDATION DIG AG2023S1P3E2 PROJECT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, W DID 7B333044001

Dear Mr. Salazar,

On March 17, 2025, the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas or Discharger) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order WQ 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 or fill discharges associated with the Line 2000E Phase 3 Validation Dig AG2023S1P3E2 Project (Project) meet the requirements for enrollment. SoCalGas is 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.

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Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of the General Order. You are responsible for complying with all applicable requirements. Failure to comply with the General Order constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the General Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, IMPACTS, AND MITIGATION

The purpose of the Project is to inspect and, if necessary, repair an existing natural gas pipeline (L2000). Work involves exposing L2000 to verify the condition of the pipe and making necessary repairs based on in-line inspection results. If pipeline repairs are required, repairs will be completed while the pipeline is exposed and may include pipeline replacement and recoating.

The area of direct soil disturbance (i.e., excavation, side casting and backfill) will be limited to the excavation area, as well as a general 250-foot by 65-foot temporary work area for the staging and operation of construction vehicles and equipment. Equipment that will be used includes an auger machine, rubber-tired or rubber tracked excavator, and various hand tools.

The Project will result in 0.017 acres and 61 linear feet of temporary impacts to Colorado River Basin Water Board jurisdictional waters of the state. The temporarily impacted area will be restored to pre-Project conditions upon completion of the work.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located 11 miles east of the City of Coachella near the eastbound Cactus City Rest Area, Riverside County, California. This area is within Section 5, Township 6 South, Range 10 East, San Bernardino Base & Meridian.

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

Latitude	Longitude
33.673937°	-115.962167°

FEES RECEIVED

Payment of the fee totaling \$4,212 was received on April 4, 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 Colorado River Basin Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from the procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub.

Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061) under a Class 1 categorical exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301 et seq.). Class 1 categorical exemptions consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use (Existing Facilities).

The Colorado River Basin Water Board concludes that the enrollment of this Project under the General Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and no exceptions to the exemption apply (Pub. Resources Code, § 21084; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300.2).

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Project at the State Clearinghouse (SCH) within five (5) working days of issuance of this Notice of Applicability (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15062).

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

SoCalGas 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, SoCalGas shall submit a complete Notice of Termination (NOT) form requesting to be un-enrolled from 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 WQ 2004-0004-DWQ

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Attachment A Project Maps



Figure 1: Regional Map of Site¹

¹Southern California Gas Company, March 2025. Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted for Line 2000E Phase 3 Validation Dig AG2023S1P3E2 Project.



Figure 2: Vicinity Map

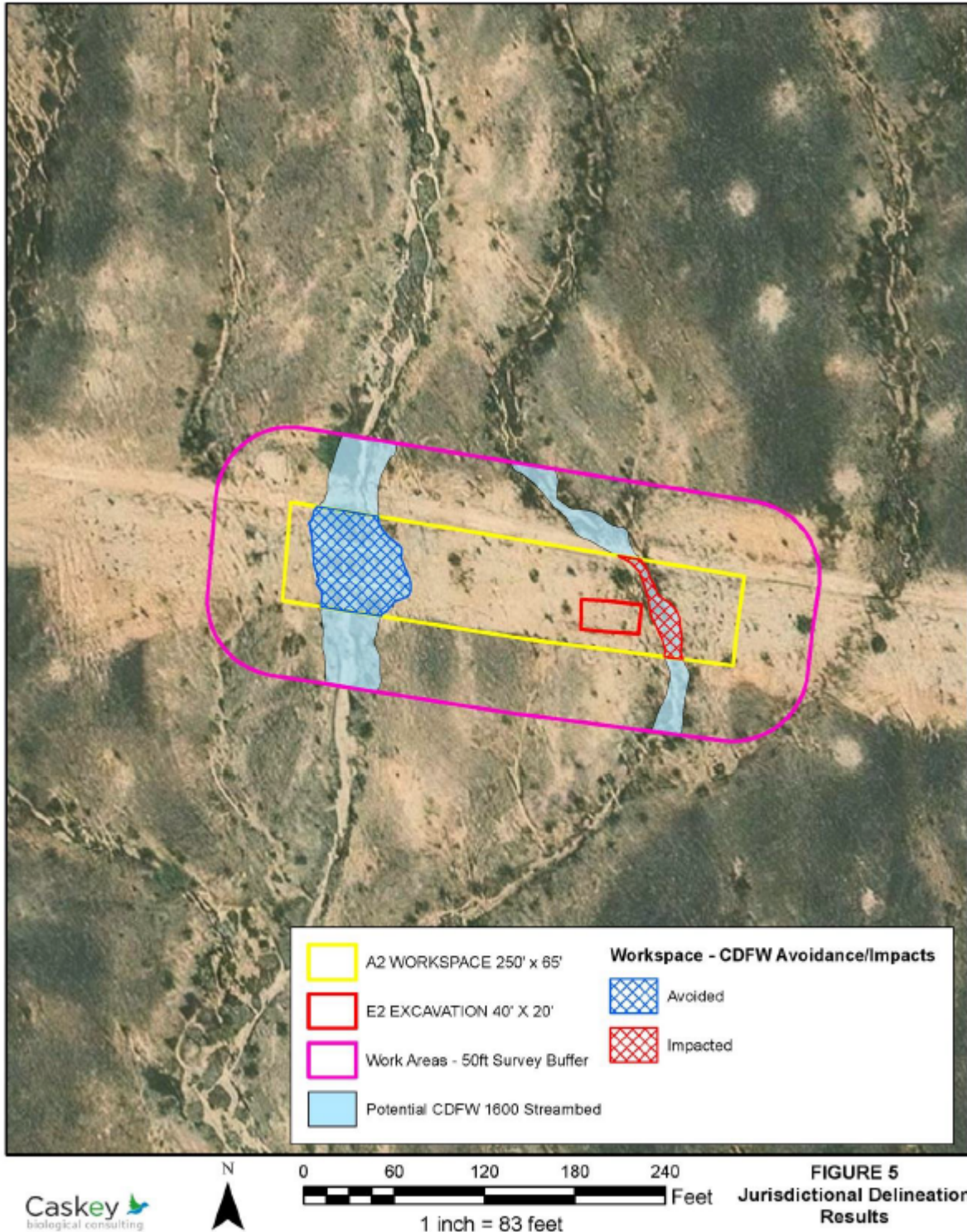


Figure 3: Work Area and Jurisdictional Map



Figure 4: Site image of Ephemeral Wash Upstream looking north from the Project site.



Figure 5: Site image of Ephemeral Wash Downstream looking south from the Project site.

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Attachment B

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

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