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**State Water Resources Control Board**

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Goleta West Sanitary District (GWSD)  
Mark Nation  
General Manager/ Superintendent  
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Dear Mr. Nation:

**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF STATE WATER BOARD CERTIFICATION OF THE 2017  
NATIONWIDE PERMIT 12, GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT PHELPS ROAD TRUNK  
SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Enclosed please find a Notice of Applicability (NOA) authorized by State Water Resources Control Board Deputy Director for Water Quality, Karen Larsen. This NOA is issued to Goleta West Sanitary District for the Phelps Road Trunk Sewer Improvements Project (Project). Attachment A of the Enclosure is also part of this NOA.

This NOA is issued in response to an application submitted by Goleta West Sanitary District for proposed Project discharge to waters of the state, to ensure that the water quality standards for all waters of the state impacted by the Project are met. You may proceed with your Project according to the terms and conditions of the enclosed NOA and General Order.

If you require further assistance, please contact me by phone at (916) 327-8117 or by email at [Alexander.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Alexander.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Bill Orme, Chief of the Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Unit, by phone at (916) 341-5464 or by email at [Bill.Orme@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Bill.Orme@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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State Water Resources Control Board

Enclosures: (see next page)

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Goleta West Sanitary District

Enclosures (2): NOA for the Goleta West Sanitary District (Project)  
Attachment A: State Water Board Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits  
(General Order)

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## State Water Resources Control Board

**Effective Date:** February 14, 2018

Reg. Measure ID:	417070
WDID:	SB17033IN

**Program Type:** Fill/Excavation

**Project Type:** Sewer Line Improvements

**Project:** Goleta West Sanitary District Phelps Road Trunk Sewer Improvement Project

**Applicant:** Goleta West Sanitary District (GWSD)  
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If you have any questions, please call State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Staff listed above or (916) 341-5478 and ask to speak with the Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Unit Program Manager.

Attachment A      State Water Board Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits

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## **I. Action**

This document serves as a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for enrollment under the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits (SWRCB ID SB17001GN; hereafter referred to as the General Order and included in this NOA as Attachment A) at the request of Goleta West Sanitary District (Applicant). On November 14, 2017, the Applicant filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting authorization for Goleta West Sanitary District Phelps Road Trunk Sewer Improvements (Project). After reviewing the NOI, the State Water Board has determined that the Project meets General Order requirements.

## **II. Project Purpose**

As described in the Project NOI and supplemental information (hereafter referred to as the Application), which is incorporated herein by reference, the purpose of the Project is to install a new sewer line in order to route flow around the Stroke Ranch sewer, which would reduce the amount of flow into the Stroke Ranch sewer and alleviate capacity deficiency.

## **III. Project Location**

The Project is in the Western Storke Wetlands on the University of California, Santa Barbara Campus. The Project site is located approximately 440 feet southwest of the intersection of Mesa Road and Los Carneros Road in the unincorporated community of Isla Vista, Santa Barbara County, California. The Project coordinates are 34°25'15.456" N, 119°51'37.332" W.

## **IV. Receiving Waters information**

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are listed in Table 1. These waters are protected in accordance with the applicable water quality control plan (Basin Plan) for the region and other plans and policies of the California Water Boards, which may be accessed online at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans\\_policies/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/).

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant
Impact Site 1	Western Storke Wetland	Wetland	HUC180600 13 Santa Barbara Coastal	Goleta Slough	REC-1, REC-2, WILD, WARM, MIGR, SPWN, BIOL, RARE, EST, COMM, SHELL, MAR	Pathogens, Priority Organics

**V. Direct Impacts to Waters of the State**

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 2.

Aquatic Resource Type	Temporary Impact <sup>2</sup>			Permanent Impact					
				Physical Loss of Area			Degradation of Ecological Condition Only		
	Acres	CY	LF	Acres	CY	LF	Acres	CY	LF
Wetland	0.1	74	220	0	0	0	0	0	0

**VI. Description of Indirect Impacts to Waters of the State**

The State Water Board recognizes the potential for indirect impacts to waters of the state associated with the Project. Potential indirect adverse effects include but are not limited to: increased sediment loading to streams from riparian and/or upland areas used for access or staging areas, possibility of introducing invasive species into the Project areas, and changing timing of runoff delivery to streams in the Project area. The Project, as designed, will not have significant indirect impacts to waters of the state.

<sup>1</sup> Cubic Yards (CY); Linear Feet (LF)

<sup>2</sup> Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.

## **VII. Avoidance and Minimization**

In order to avoid and minimize impacts to waters of the state and their designated beneficial uses, the Applicant will follow the avoidance and minimization measures as proposed in their Application.

## **VIII. Mitigation for Temporary Impacts**

All temporarily affected areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities in compliance with the General Order and according to the restoration plan submitted by the Applicant in the NOI.

## **IX. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

The State Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. Additionally, the State Water Board finds that no exceptions apply to the activities approved by this NOA.

## **X. Certification Fees**

A fee payment of \$2,633 was received by the State Water Board on November 28, 2016. The application 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 A- Fill and Excavation Discharges (fee code 85), as \$1500. A refund of \$1,133 was processed by the State Water Board on January 10, 2017.

## **XI. Authorization**

To comply with State law, this Project must proceed as described in the Application submitted to the State Water Board by the Applicant and in concordance with the conditions in the General Order. Coverage under the General Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified. The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the General Order.

You should familiarize yourself with the contents of the General Order (Attachment A). You may also find the General Order on the State Water Resources Control Board's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp\\_go.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp_go.pdf).

## XII. Reporting and Notification Requirements

The Applicant shall submit an Annual Report each year on the anniversary of the effective date of this NOA until a Notice of Project Complete is issued to the Applicant. Notices and reporting shall be provided to the State Water Board according to the General Order in section XIII.A, "Notification Requirements."

Electronic Document Submittal: The Applicant must submit all reports and information required under this Certification in electronic format via email to SWBNWP12@Waterboards.ca.gov. Each electronic document must be submitted as a single file, in Portable Document Format (PDF), and converted to text searchable format using Optical Character Recognition (OCR). Documents over 50 megabytes (MB) will not be accepted via email and must be placed on a disc and delivered to the addresses listed above.

## XIII. Water Quality Certification

I hereby issue this Notice of Applicability for Goleta West Sanitary District Phelps Road Trunk Sewer Improvements Project, certifying that as long as all of the conditions listed in the General Order are met, any discharge from the referenced Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Clean Water Act sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards).

The State Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) at the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days of issuance of this NOA. This discharge is also regulated pursuant to State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ which authorizes Water Quality Certifications to serve as Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all NOA actions are contingent on: (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the conditions of the General Order and the attachments to the General Order; and, (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of Statewide Water Quality Control Plans and Policies, the Regional Water Boards' Water Quality Control Plans and Policies.



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State Water Resources Control Board



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