
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER WQ 2022-0048-DWQ,
ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS
STATEWIDE, WAKAMATSU FARM POND OUTFLOW STABILIZATION PROJECT
(WDID#5A09CR00256), EL DORADO COUNTY**

On 2 February 2026, the American River Conservancy submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ, Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide (Order).

The Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Wakamatsu Farm Pond Outflow Stabilization Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order. 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 [Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Coverage under the Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified. Failure to comply with Order No. WQ 2022-0048-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 Project consists of stabilizing an eroding stream channel downstream of Wakamatsu Pond. The existing pond outflow conveys concentrated runoff into the stream channel during storm events, which is causing localized scour, incision, and head cutting within the channel.

The Project will install small scale stabilization features within the stream channel to restore and prevent further degradation of stream channel habitat. Approximately 30 Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) and Post Assisted Log Structures (PLAS) will be installed in the channel. The Structures will be built by hand using native materials harvested on site. Rock armoring will be placed in strategic locations to arrest head cutting within the channel, and on an existing road crossing. Native Riparian vegetation will be planted along the channel and within BDAs and PLAS to further stabilize and enhance the area. These actions are expected to reduce flow velocity within the channel and minimize ongoing erosion and sediment discharge.

Work on the channel will be limited to foot traffic and hand tools. Human pulled sleds will be used to transport vegetation, logs and rocks. Vehicle access to the project site will use existing roads and parking lots. The stream channel is expected to be naturally dry when work takes place.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include installing BDAs, PLAS, and rock armoring within the stream channel. The Project will permanently impact 0.05 acre of stream channel habitat.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at 941 Cold Springs Road, Placerville, California.

Latitude: 38.771652°, longitude: -120.885697°

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

May 2026 through November 2026. The Project is estimated to take 12 working days to complete.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

\$1,123.00 was received on 3 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 D - Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

The Central Valley Water Board, as Lead Agency, has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061. Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section(s) 15333: Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

Additionally, the Central Valley Water Board concludes that no California Code of Regulations, title 14, section exceptions to the CEQA exemption apply to the activities approved by this Order.

The Central Valley Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Order. (California Code of Regulations., title 14, section 15062.)

REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Permittee shall follow notification and reporting requirements described in this Notice of Applicability (NOA), and those found in Attachment D of the Order WQ 2022-0048-DWQ, unless specified as an optional requirement and excluded from this NOA.

1. Annual Reporting

The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year within 30 days of the anniversary of the effective date of this Notice of Applicability. Annual reporting shall continue until the active discharge period is complete and the project enters the post-construction monitoring phase where upon the Permittee shall annually submit a Post-Construction Monitoring Report (Report Type 2). The Post-Construction Monitoring Report shall be submitted within 30 days of the anniversary of the date that the project restoration activities were completed.

The Annual Report and Post Construction Monitoring Report shall include the information specified in Attachment D, Part A of Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ. The Permittee shall submit the report in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment D of Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ and email it to centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov and cc Nicholas Savino at Nicholas.Savino@waterboards.ca.gov.

2. Notification for In-Water Work and Diversions

The project proponent shall notify the Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in flowing or standing water or stream diversions. Notification may be via e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

3. Environmental Monitoring

Per General Protection Measure 5 (GPM-5) of the Order, a resource specialist shall ensure that all applicable protective measures are implemented during project construction. The resource specialist shall have authority to stop any work if they determine that any permit requirement is not fully implemented. The resource specialist shall prepare and maintain a monitoring log of construction site conditions and observations, which will be kept on file.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

Upon completion of the Project, you shall submit a Notice of Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after Project completion. The NOC shall demonstrate the Project was carried out in accordance with the Project description, include a map of the Project location with final boundaries of the restoration area, and include post-project photographs. More information on the NOC is listed in section B.6 of the Order.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Nicholas Savino by phone at (916) 464-4920 or by email at Nicholas.Savino@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Attachments: Project Map

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Figure 1: Project Location

