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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL ORDER NO. R5-2020-0048, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF THE WESTERN PLACER COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT, CASINO DRIVE CONNECTOR ROAD PROJECT (WDID#5A31CR00534-045), PLACER COUNTY

On 17 April 2026, the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) Development Corporation (Permittee) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) General Order R5-2020-0048, Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification of the Western Placer County Habitat Conservation Plan Programmatic General Permit. Prior to receiving a complete application, Central Valley Water Board staff issued a notice of incomplete application and the Permittee responded to the request for application information on the following date:

Date of Notice of Incomplete Application:	**14 May 2026**
Date all requested information was received:	**5 June 2026**

The Central Valley Water Board staff requested additional information necessary to supplement the contents of the complete application and the Permittee responded to the request for supplemental information on the following dates:

Date of Request for Supplemental Information:	**17 June 2026**
Date all requested information was received:	**15 July 2026**

The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Casino Drive Connector Road Project (Project) meets the eligibility requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, General Order R5-2020-0048. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of General Order R5-2020-0048 can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wqcerts/5a31cr00534.pdf).

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of General Order R5-2020-0048. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with General Order R5-2020-0048 constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The 26-acre Project consists of constructing a new road (Casino Drive) that will connect the future Placer Parkway to Athens Avenue at the Thunder Valley Casino Resort. The new connector road will tie into Athens Avenue at the existing signalized intersection for the Thunder Valley Casino parking garage then continue south approximately 0.6 mile where it will tie into the future Placer Parkway. Midway along the corridor, Casino Drive will connect to the new Thunder Valley Way, which will be an east-west roadway to connect Casino Drive to Thunder Valley Court and remote parking lots that serve the Thunder Valley Casino. The project will also include construction of retention and detention basins and drainage conveyance. A construction staging area will be located at the northern end of the Project Area.

The Project will permanently impact 1.59 acres of vernal pool and seasonal wetland habitat and indirectly impact 0.79 acre of vernal pool habitat.

PROJECT TYPE:
Roads, Highways, and Bridges

ADDITIONAL CONDITION:
The Applicant shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, as amended for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavations, and other land disturbance activities of one or more acres, or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres.

PROJECT LOCATION:
The Project is located south of Athens Avenue and 0.5 mile west of Industrial Avenue in Lincoln.

Sections 4 and 5, Township 11 North, Range 6 East, MDB&M.

Latitude: 38.830460° and Longitude: -121.318755°.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:
September 2026 through November 2027.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 24 April 2026 to 15 May 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION
To mitigate permanent impacts to 1.59 acres of vernal pool and seasonal wetland habitat, and indirect impacts to 0.79 acre of vernal pool habitat, the Applicant shall purchase a minimum of 3.58 vernal pool credits from the Western Placer County In-Lieu Fee Program for the impacted watershed prior to commencing construction. The Applicant shall provide evidence of purchase of In-Lieu Fee Program credits to the Central Valley Water Board prior to commencing construction. At a minimum, compensatory mitigation must achieve a ratio of 1.5:1 for permanent impacts. Compensatory mitigation must comply with the effective policy, which ensures no overall net loss of wetlands for impacts to waters of the state, at the time of Certification.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:
An application fee of $ 4,212.00 was received on 20 April 2026. The remaining application fee balance of $55,483.00 was received on 15 July 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

This Certification is subject to annual billing based on the fee schedule in effect at the time of billing. Annual billing will continue until the Project, including monitoring, is complete and the Water Board receives an acceptable request for a Notice of Project Complete Letter (see Attachment D). Invoices are usually sent out at the end of each calendar year.[1]

To stop annual billing, the Permittee must request a Notice of Project Complete Letter from the Water Board. Water Board staff will verify if the conditions of the Certification are met and may conduct a site visit to confirm compliance.

For more information on fees, visit the State Water Board's Water Quality Fees website Water Quality Fees | California State Water Resources Control Board (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/) under Water Quality Certification (WQC) Program Fees.

PROJECT SPECIFIC AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:
The Applicant will implement the Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs) and construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) outlined in the County Aquatic Resource Program (CARP) document, the Habitat Conservation Program/Natural Community Conservation Program (HCP/NCCP) document, and General Order No. 5 R5-2020-0048.

PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION
Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following.

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[1] Annual invoices are issued for projects active for any amount of time in the current fiscal year (1 July – 30 June).

The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this NOA, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this NOA falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Links to the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Water Quality Petitions Page (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request."

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Nicholas Savino by phone at (916) 464-4920 or by email at Nicholas.Savino@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
For Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: General Order R5-2020-0048, Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification of the Western Placer County Habitat Conservation Plan Programmatic General Permit

Attachments: Figure 1: Project Location Map
Figure 2: Project Impacts Map

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Figure 1: Project Location

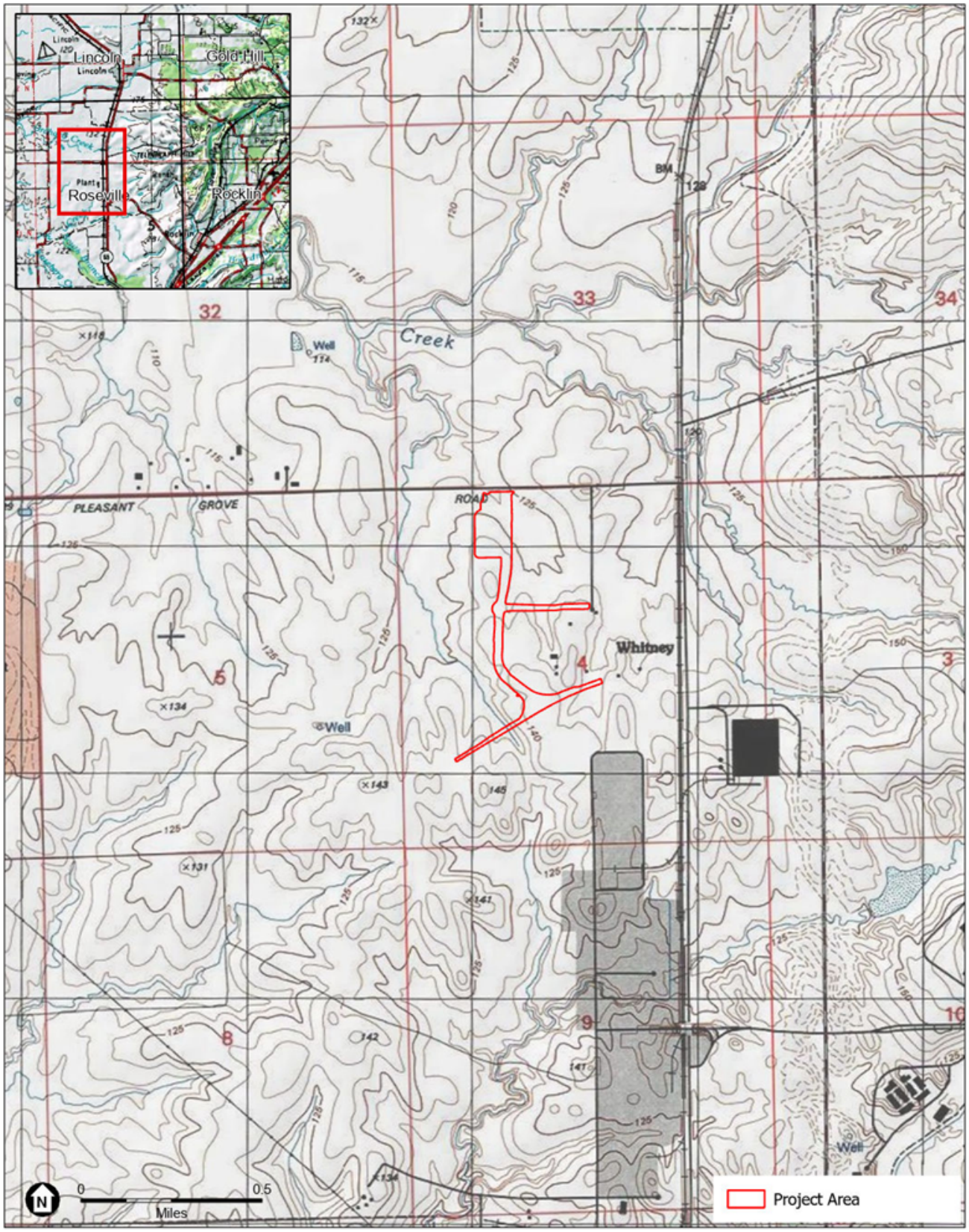
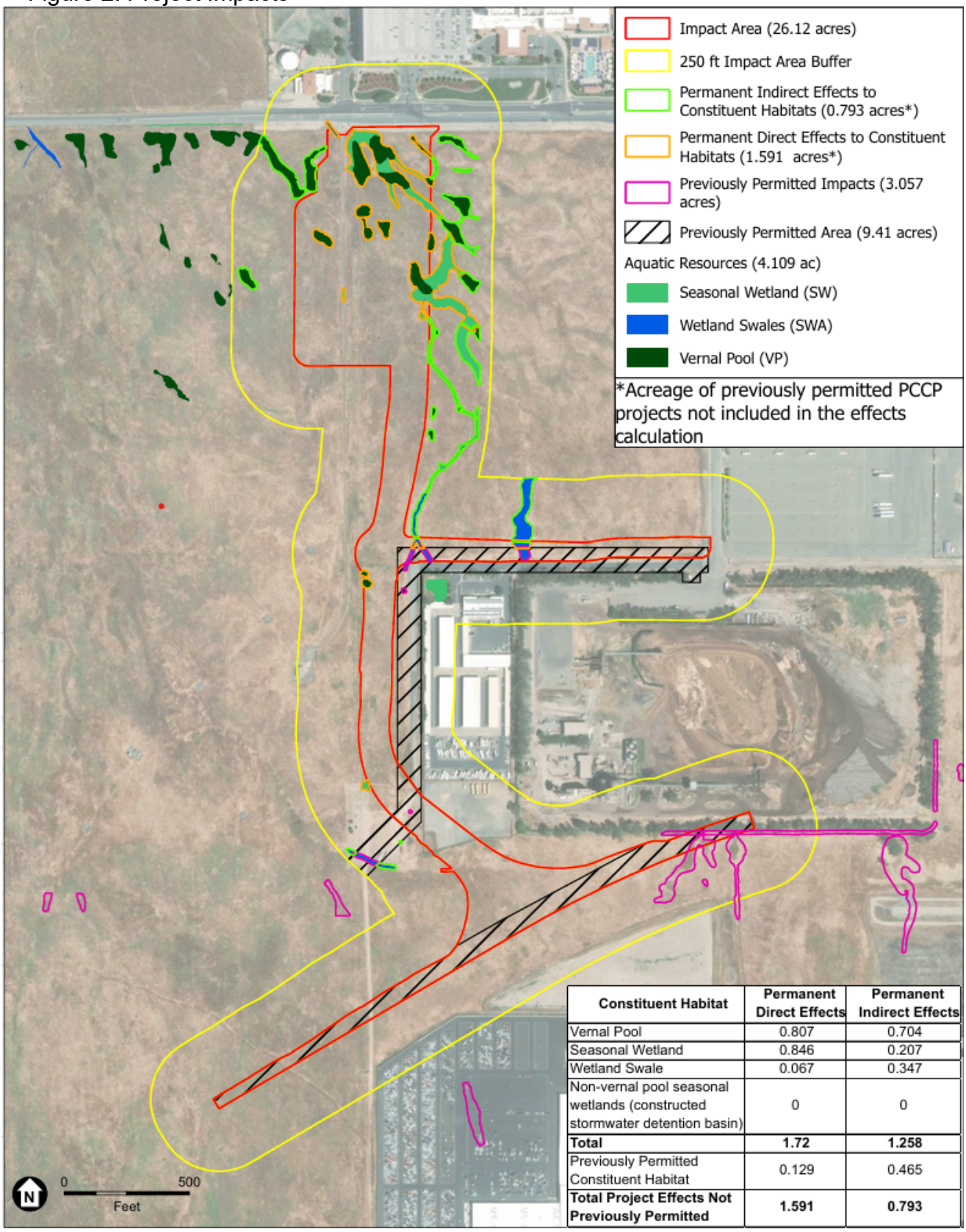


Figure 2: Project Impacts



Constituent Habitat	Permanent Direct Effects	Permanent Indirect Effects
Vernal Pool	0.807	0.704
Seasonal Wetland	0.846	0.207
Wetland Swale	0.067	0.347
Non-vernal pool seasonal wetlands (constructed stormwater detention basin)	0	0
Total	**1.72**	**1.258**
Previously Permitted Constituent Habitat	0.129	0.465
Total Project Effects Not Previously Permitted	**1.591**	**0.793**