
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
AMENDED ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER
QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS
FILE NO. SB12006GN, MTN CONSULTING AND RESTORATION LLC, LABBE
MEADOW RESTORATION PROJECT, PLUMAS COUNTY, WDID NO. 5A32CR00265**

On 30 June 2026, MTN Consulting and Restoration LLC (Applicant) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under the 27 March 2013 State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File No. SB12006GN (General Order) for the Labbe Meadow Restoration Project (Project). After review of the NOI and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under the General Order.

This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued to MTN Consulting and Restoration LLC (hereinafter Enrollee) by the Central Valley Water Board under the General Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

NOA Effective Date: 30 July 2026

NOA Expiration Date: 30 July 2031

A copy of the General Order is enclosed. The General Order may also be accessed on the [State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders Web Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2013) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2013).

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the General Order. The Project is described in the NOI requesting coverage and supplemental information (Application Package) submitted by the Enrollee and is limited to the impacts identified in the Application Package and described in this NOA. If the Project is modified from that described in the Application Package, then coverage under the General Order is no longer valid.

I. Public Notice

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 3 July 2026 to 24 July 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

II. Project Description

The purpose of the project is to improve meadow hydrologic function and increase meadow habitat complexity by the creation of a series of open water ponds within a historic ditch feature on the Labbe Ranch. A series of earthen plugs and corresponding ponds are proposed to be constructed throughout the ditch feature where the channel is most defined. The objective of these treatments is to create open water habitat while raising the base elevation of the ditch channel. Plugs will have the added benefit of increasing the vertical and lateral connectivity of the ditch surface flow path with the meadow surface to the northeast, reducing surface flow conveyance of the ditch, and promoting groundwater recharge in the meadow.

III. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Tables 1 through 2. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition.

Project impact and receiving waters information can be found in Attachment B. Table 1 of Attachment B shows the receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the state impacted by the Project. Individual impact locations and quantities are shown in Tables 2 and 3 of Attachment B.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts¹

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Wetland	0.07	N/A	30.5

Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Wetland	0.24	N/A	258.7

¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include area of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

IV. Project Schedule

The Project is estimated to be conducted over two months. The expected seasonal work period will be between 1 August 2026 and 31 October 2026.

V. Project Location

Address: 2571 Quincy Junction Rd., Quincy, CA 95971

County: Plumas

Nearest City: Quincy

Latitude: 39.963299° and Longitude: -120.907997°

Maps showing the Project location are found in Attachment A of this Notice of Applicability.

VI. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The Central Valley Water Board, as lead agency, 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 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects, which consists of projects not to exceed five acres to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

VII. Fees Received

An application fee of \$1,123 was received on 2 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 Category D - Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

VIII. Findings of Applicability

This letter serves as formal notice that Order No. SB12006GN is applicable to this small habitat restoration project. Your waste discharge identification (WDID) number is 5A32CR00265.

IX. Reporting

A Notice of Completion (NOC) shall be submitted by the Enrollee no later than 30 days after the work has been completed. The NOC shall demonstrate that the work has been carried out in accordance with the description provided in the Enrollee's NOI.

Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the General Order may expose MTN Consulting and Restoration LLC to enforcement action pursuant to the Clean Water Act and California Water Code.

If you require further assistance, please contact Jerred Ferguson by phone at (530) 224-4784 or by email at Jerred.Ferguson@waterboards.ca.gov. You may also contact Lynn Coster, Senior Environmental Scientist of the Storm Water and Water Quality Certification Unit, by phone at (530) 224-2437 or by email at Lynn.Coster@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO

7/30/2026

For Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Date

Attachment A: Project Maps
Attachment B: Receiving Waters, Impacts, and Mitigation Information
Attachment C: CEQA Findings of Facts

Enclosure: Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File No. SB12006GN

cc email: U.S. EPA, Region 9, San Francisco
Water Quality Certification Program, SWRCB, Sacramento
Christy Morgan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
Briana Seapy, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Region 2
Zachary Kearns, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Region 2

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Attachment A – Project Maps

Figure 1: Project Location Map

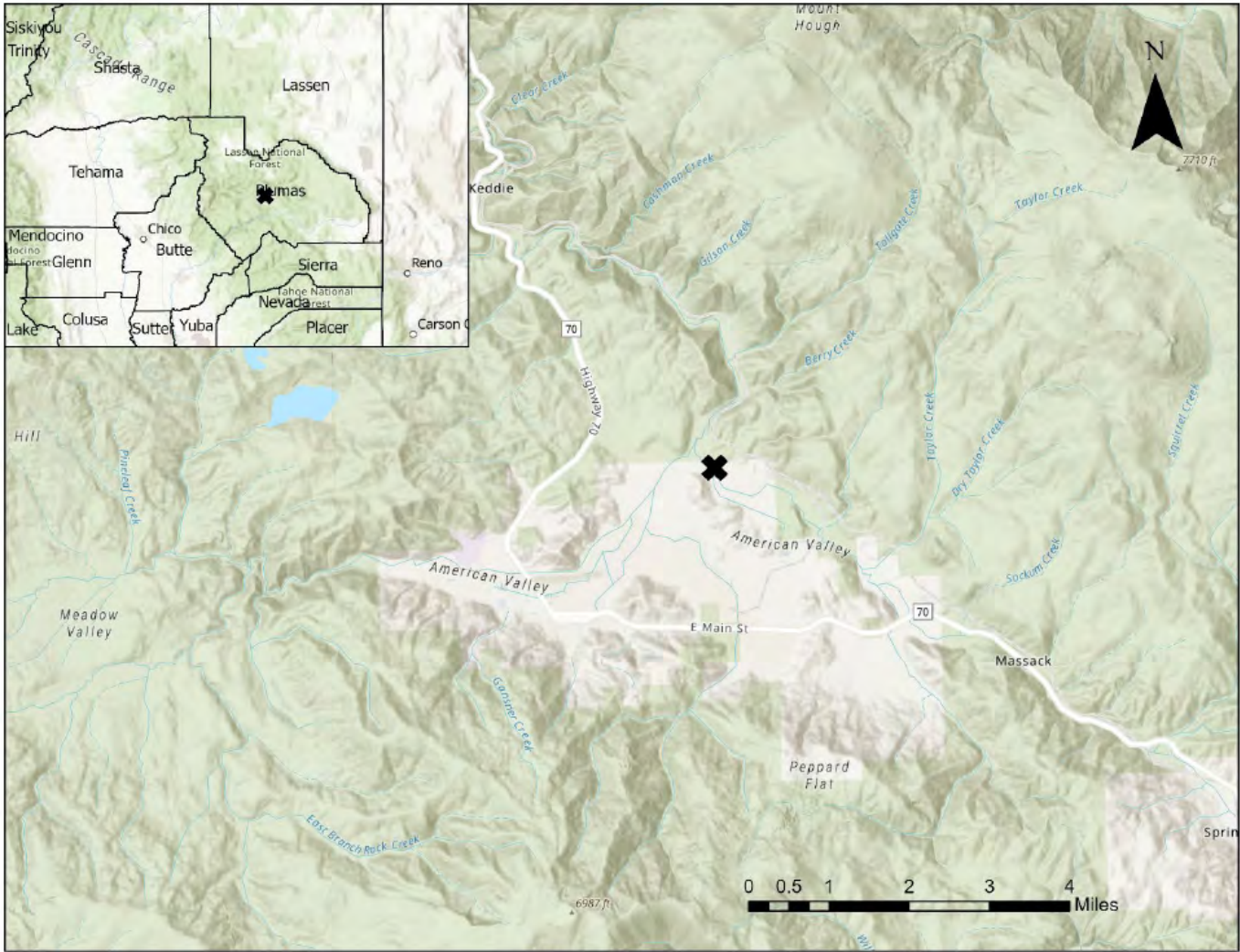
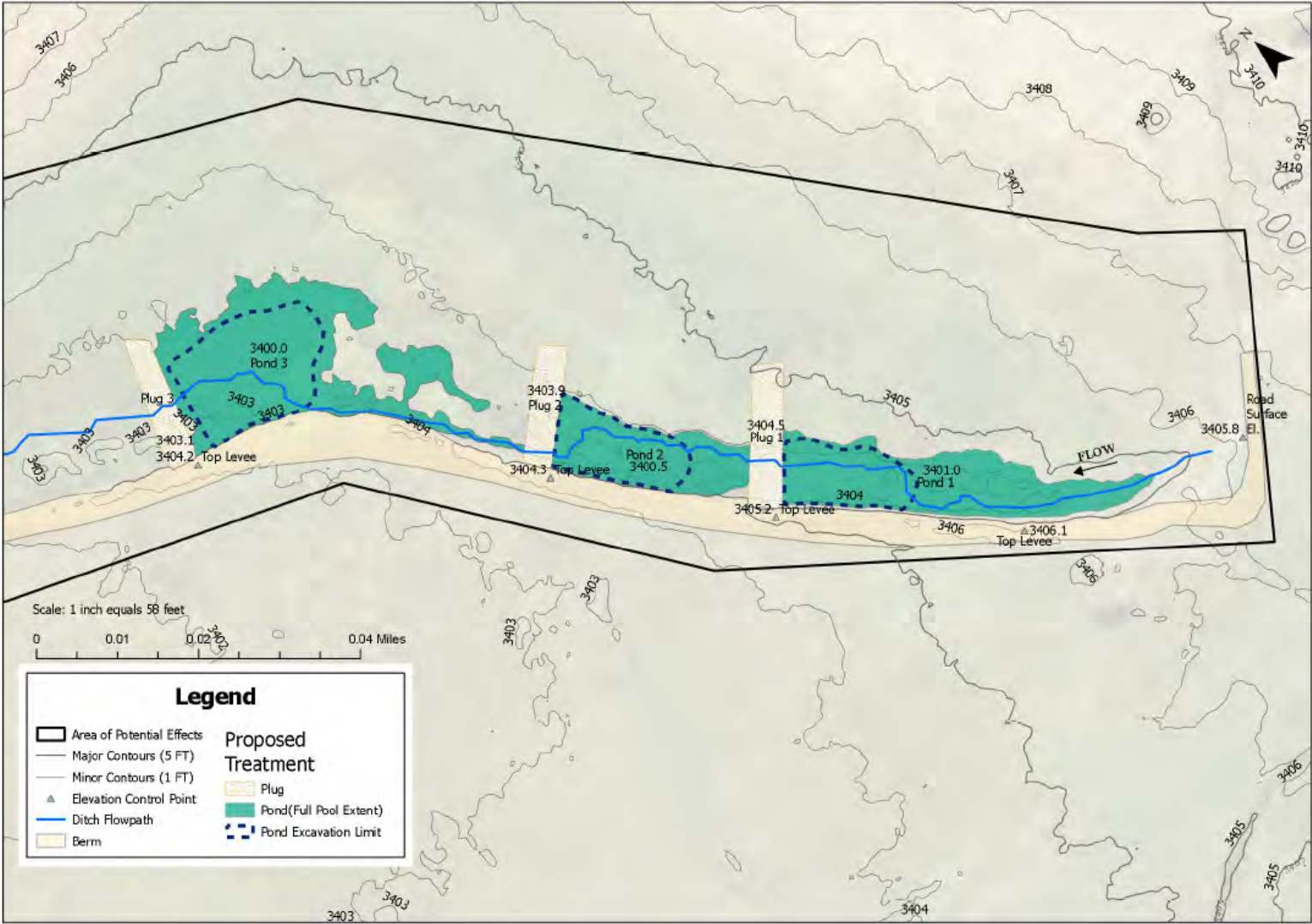


Figure 2: Project Impacts Map



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Attachment B – Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

Table 1: Receiving Water Information

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resources Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Labbe Meadow Restoration Project	Unnamed Wetland	Wetland	518.52	North Fork, Feather River	MUN, POW, REC-1, REC-2, COLD, SPWN, WILD	N/A	N/A

Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following tables show individual impacts.

Table 2: Individual Temporary Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acre	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Labbe Meadow Restoration Project (Wetland)	39.963299	-120.907997	No	0.07	N/A	30.5

Table 3: Individual Permanent Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acre	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Labbe Meadow Restoration Project (Wetland)	39.963299	-120.907997	No	0.24	N/A	258.7

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Attachment C – CEQA Findings of Fact

The Central Valley Water Board, as lead agency, determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061.

Specifically, the project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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.)