

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, VINEYARD SOUTH MINE PROJECT (WDID#5A34CR00752A2), SACRAMENTO COUNTY

This Order responds to the 10 April 2025 request for an amendment of the Vineyard South Mine Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5A34CR00752). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 3 April 2020. The Certification was amended on 14 April 2025. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

Granite Construction Company is requesting to increase impacts to waters of the state. The current mining operation will be expanded onto four additional parcels to the south of the existing Vineyard South Mine, totaling approximately 86 acres, of which 60 acres will be mined. The mining expansion will permanently impact 9.58 acres of waters of the state. Granite Construction Company is also requesting to mitigate for permanent impacts to waters of the state over two phases.

The Certification is amended as shown below:

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts - Phase 3

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres
Vernal Swale	0.633
Vernal Pool	3.279
Seasonal Wetland	1.638

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

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres
Freshwater Marsh	0.045
Vernal Pool	2.727
Wetland Swale	1.250

Purchase of Mitigation Credits by Permittee for Compensatory Mitigation

- a. A copy of the fully executed agreement for the purchase of mitigation credits shall be provided to the Central Valley Water Board prior to the initiation of in water work for each project phase.
- b. The Permittee shall retain responsibility for providing the compensatory mitigation and long-term management until Central Valley Water Board staff has received documentation of the credit purchase and the transfer agreement between the Permittee and the seller of credits.

7. Total Required Compensatory Mitigation

- a. The Permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation for the authorized impact to 1.638 acres of seasonal wetland, 3.279 acres of vernal pool, and 0.633 acre of vernal swale during Phase 3 by purchasing 5.55 vernal pool credits from the South Sacramento In-Lieu Fee (ILF) program.
- b. The Permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation for the authorized impact to 0.045 acre of freshwater marsh, 2.727 acres of vernal pool, and 1.25 acre of wetland swale during Phase 2B Hom by purchasing 0.05 freshwater emergent marsh credits, 2.73 vernal pool credits, and 1.25 seasonal wetland credits from the South Sacramento In-Lieu Fee (ILF) program.
- c. Total required Project compensatory mitigation information for permanent physical loss of area is summarized in Tables 3 through 4. [Establishment (Est.), Re-establishment (Re-est.), Rehabilitation (Reh.), Enhancement (Enh.), Preservation (Pres.), Unknown].

Table 3: Total Required Project Compensatory Mitigation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area – Phase 3

Aquatic Resource Type	Mitigation Type	Units	Est.	Re-est.	Reh.	Enh.	Pres.	Unknown
Vernal Pool	Vernal Pool In-Lieu Fee Credits	Acres						3.28
Vernal Swale	Vernal Pool In-Lieu Fee Credits	Acres						0.63
Seasonal Wetland	Vernal Pool In-Lieu Fee Credits	Acres						1.64

Table 4: Total Required Project Compensatory Mitigation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area - Phase 2B Hom

Aquatic Resource Type	Mitigation Type	Units	Est.	Re-est.	Reh.	Enh.	Pres.	Unknown
Freshwater Marsh	Freshwater Emergent Marsh In-Lieu Fee Credits	Acres						0.05
Vernal Pool	Vernal Pool In-Lieu Fee Credits	Acres						2.73
Wetland Swale	Seasonal Wetland In-Lieu fee Credits	Acres						1.25

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

A fee of \$359,672.00, based on total Project impacts, was required for this amendment. Total impact fees were received on 19 June 2026. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3383(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), as was calculated as category A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from 25 April 2025 to 16 May 2025. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):

On 15 January 2019, the County of Sacramento, as lead agency, certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2016112060) for the Vineyard South Mine Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on 18 January 2019.

The County of Sacramento adopted an addendum to the previously certified FEIR, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, on 19 May 2026. The County of Sacramento determined that the previously certified FEIR and the addendum sufficiently analyzed and addressed potential environmental impacts from the project, and that the Project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The County of Sacramento determined that the project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the previously certified EIR. Mitigation measures from the previously certified EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures were required.

The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that the County of Sacramento's certified environmental documents comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Public Resources Code, section 21167.3.) The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental documents and finds that the environmental documents prepared by the County of Sacramento addresses the Project's water quality impacts. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15096, subd. (f).) The environmental documents includes the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) developed by the County of Sacramento for all mitigation measures that have been adopted for the Project to reduce potential significant impacts. (Public Resources Code, section 21081.6, subd. (a)(1); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15091, subd. (d).)

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project, when implemented in accordance with the MMRP and the conditions of the original Water Quality Certification, will not result in any significant adverse water quality or supply impacts. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15096, subd. (h).) The Central Valley

Water Board will file a NOD with the SCH within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Amendment. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15096, subd. (i).)

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Vineyard South Mine Project (WDID#5A34CR00752A2). All other conditions and provisions of the original Water Quality Certification and any previously approved amendments remain in full force and effect, except as modified based on the conditions of this Order. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the original Water Quality Certification, previously approved amendments, or of this Order may result in suspension or revocation of the Water Quality Certification.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
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Executive Officer

Attachment: Figure 1 – Project Map

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Figure 1: Vineyard South Mine Expansion Impacts

