

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF PLACER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BASELINE ROAD SIGNALS PROJECT (WDID#5A51CR00151), SUTTER COUNTY

On 4 November 2024, the County of Placer Public Works Department (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 25 February 2022 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order of the United States Army Corps of Engineers 2021 Nationwide Permits (General Certification Order) for the Baseline Road Signals Project (Project). After review of the notification 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 this General Certification Order. The proposed activity will take place within approximately 0.001 acre of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #14 (Linear Transportation Activities), subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). 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 the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2021/certification-denial-corps-nationwide-permit-project-general-order-10122021.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Order webpage and is enclosed.

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 4 November 2024, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 1.4-acre Project consists of widening Baseline/Riego Road to accommodate new eastbound and westbound turn pockets at the intersections with Pleasant Grove Boulevard North, Pleasant Grove Boulevard South, and Locust Road. Traffic signals will be installed at each of these intersections, which presently operate with stop signs. An ephemeral drainage which conveys road runoff from the south side of Baseline Road through a culvert into a seasonal wetland on the north side of Baseline Road will be impacted by the road widening, while the seasonal wetland will be avoided. The existing culvert will be abandoned, and a new 15-inch culvert will be installed adjacent to the old culvert, allowing roadside flows and runoff to be redirected into a newly constructed drainage that will connect to the existing drainage. Approximately 7 cubic yards of rock slope protection (RSP) will be placed in the ephemeral drainage at the outfall of the new culvert. The Project will permanently impact 0.001 acre of waters of the United States.

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:

Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 4 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 38.751339 and Longitude: -121.485344

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

1 April 2025 through 31 October 2025

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 17 December 2024. 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 E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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:
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Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Board Certification of the 2021 Nationwide Permits General
Water Quality Certification and Order

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Figure 1: Project Location

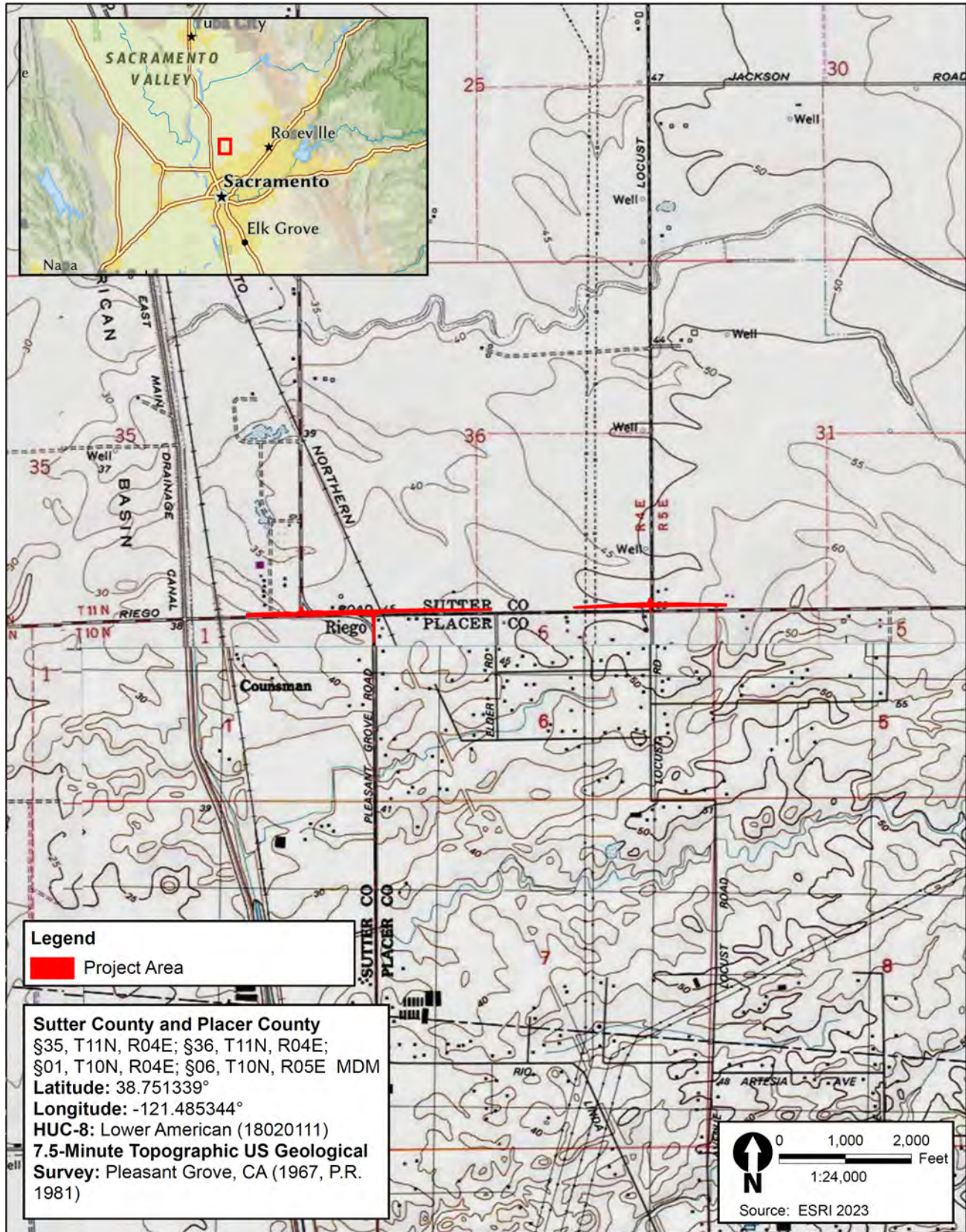


Figure 2: Project Impacts

