

## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY, COLLIERVILLE TAILRACE REPAIR PROJECT (WDID#5B05CR00125A1), CALAVERAS COUNTY**

This Order responds to the 14 August 2024 request for an amendment of the Collierville Tailrace Repair Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5B05CR00125). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 7 August 2024. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

#### **AMENDMENT:**

Northern California Power Agency is requesting an update to the Project conditions to do work in both dry and wet conditions. The Project will be completed during low flow conditions, but the water levels may not drop low enough to dewater the work area. In the event that there is standing water, dredging will be involved to remove sediment that has eroded into the tailrace.

The Certification is amended as shown below:

Section XIV.G.1 for construction dewatering:

- a. The Permittee shall develop and maintain on-site a Surface Water Diversion and/or Dewatering Plan(s). The Plan(s) must be developed prior to initiation of any water diversions. The Plan(s) shall include the proposed method and duration of diversion activities and include water quality monitoring conducted, as described in section XIV.C.3, during the entire duration of dewatering and diversion activities. The Plan(s) must be consistent with this Order and must be made available to the Central Valley Water Board staff upon request.
- b. For any temporary dam or other artificial obstruction being constructed,

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maintained, or placed in operation, sufficient water shall at all times be allowed to pass downstream, to maintain beneficial uses of waters of the state below the dam. Construction, dewatering, and removal of temporary cofferdams shall not violate section XIV.C.3.

- c. The temporary dam or other artificial obstruction shall only be built from clean materials such as sandbags, gravel bags, water dams, or clean/washed gravel which will cause little or no siltation. Stream flow shall be temporarily diverted using gravity flow through temporary culverts/pipes or pumped around the work site with the use of hoses.
- d. Dewatering may occur within the Project area.
- e. This Order does not allow permanent water diversion of flow from the receiving water. This Order is invalid if any water is permanently diverted as a part of the project.
- f. The Permittee shall work with the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under an NPDES permit for dewatering activities that result in discharges into surface water or obtain coverage under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for dewatering activities that result in discharges to land.

Section XIV.G.3 for dredging:

- a. Dredge material will be removed from the Project site daily and properly disposed of at a waste disposal facility. If any dredge material is to be placed at the site for dewatering or reuse, the Permittee shall obtain coverage under *Waste Discharge Requirements, Maintenance Dredging Operations, Order R5-2022-0052*.
- b. In-water dredging operations will be conducted between 1 April and 15 October, or as required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$2,985.00 for the original Certification were received on 3 June 2024. 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 E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the Collierville Tailrace Repair Project (WDID#5B05CR00125A1). 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.

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