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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER SB12006GN, AMENDED ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS, CHIPMUNK MEADOW PROJECT (WDID: 5B20CR00120), MADERA COUNTY**

On 6 April 2022, Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District (Sierra National Forest BLRD) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. SB12006GN, Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

The Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Chipmunk Meadow Restoration Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and are hereby enrolled under, Order No. SB12006GN. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order SB12006GN](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/hrpcert032713.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/hrpcert032713.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/hrpcert032713.pdf)) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage and is enclosed.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. SB12006GN. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. SB12006GN constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project proposes to completely fill 992 linear feet of incised livestock trails that have captured previously dispersed flow across the meadow. Fill material would consist of 35 cubic yards of native soil from designated borrow sites around the edge of the meadow, plus four (4) cubic yards of on-site wood debris, and 63 cubic yards of imported 100% biodegradable coir logs. The anticipated effect of the proposed fill is to preserve and enhance the wet meadow habitat by restoring dispersed sheet flow across the meadow and to provide physical woody barriers which will reduce future straight-line cattle

trailing. All work would be completed by hand crews. The Project will permanently impact 0.05 acres of wetland habitat. The entire project area is 2.08 acres.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is in North Fork, Madera County California. The approximate center of the Project area is at latitude 37.3970 degrees North and longitude -119.5133 degrees West.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

Work at the Project is expected to occur sometime between July 2023 and October 2023. The work would occur during the dry summer season work period with a 10-day total estimated number of workdays.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

Fees are not required for Federal Agencies.

**MITIGATION AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:**

You must implement the mitigation and minimization measures proposed in your Mitigation Plan as specified in section VIII of the Notice of Intent.

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION:**

Upon completion of the Project, you shall submit a Notice of Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after Project completion. The NOC shall demonstrate the Project was carried out in accordance with the Project description, include a map of the Project location with final boundaries of the restoration area, and include post-project photographs. More information on the NOC is listed in section B.6 of the Order.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Ernesto P. Garcia by phone at (559) 445-6281 or by email at [Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov).

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