
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

29 March 2023

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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,
UPPER PINES DUMP STATION RESTORATION PROJECT (WDID# 5B22CR00065),
MARIPOSA COUNTY**

On 15 February 2023, the Yosemite National Park 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 Upper Pines Dump Station Restoration Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is 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/s/hrpcert032713.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/s/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 0.51-acre Project consists of restoration associated with the removal of an RV dump station that is less than 50 feet from the Merced River, as mandated by the Merced Wild and Scenic River Management Plan (2014). This project will remove 200 cubic yards of riprap from the riverbank; install a log revetment to stabilize the riverbank and provide aquatic and riparian habitat; plant native riparian vegetation; plant willow stakes; duff and mulch the area; and add straw wattles for erosion control.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include replacing the rock slope protection with an engineered log structure along the ordinary high water mark of the Merced River. The Project will permanently impact 0.01 acre of stream channel.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at the Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite Valley. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 37.73843 degrees and longitude -119.56441 degrees.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

All restoration actions and revegetation work will occur in Fall 2023 and take approximately three months to complete, finishing no later than November 2023. Monitoring is expected will occur until 2027.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

Federal dischargers involved in Dredge and Fill Operations only are not subject to permit fees as required by Section 3833(b)(3)(A) and Section 2200(a)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

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 Brandon Salazar by phone at (559) 445-6278 or by email at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure: Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File # SB12006GN

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