
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; CALTRANS, SR-4 SAN JOAQUIN CAPM PROJECT (WDID#5B39CR00393A1), SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

This Order responds to the 12 September 2024 request for an amendment of the SR-4 San Joaquin CAPM Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5B39CR00393). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 2 February 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:

Caltrans is requesting an amendment to Section XIV.K.3.a, and the Compensatory Mitigation Information in Attachment B. The original Certification authorized wetland and stream channel credit purchase from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program to satisfy required compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts resulting from Project activities. The amendment is needed to modify the mitigation credit purchase requirements. Mitigation bank credits have become available in the service area and are preferred to In-Lieu Fee credits.

Section XIV.K.3.a, and Attachment B of the Certification is amended as shown below:

3. Total Required Compensatory Mitigation

- a. The Permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation for the authorized impact to 0.031 acre of wetland habitat by purchasing 0.032 Aquatic Resource Credits from a United States Army Corps of Engineers approved mitigation bank located within the same service area as Project impacts.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$2,985.00 for the original Certification were received on 11 December 2023. 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.

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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 SR-4 San Joaquin CAPM Project (WDID#5B39CR00393A1). 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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