
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEL PUERTO WATER DISTRICT AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS WATER AUTHORITY, 2026 GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE DEL PUERTO CANYON RESERVOIR PROJECT (WDID#5B50CR00131), SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

On 3 December 2025, Del Puerto Water District and San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (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 2026 Geotechnical Investigations for the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir 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 less than 0.083 acre/917 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #6 (Survey 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 3 December 2025, 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 10-acre 2026 Geotechnical Investigations for the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (Project) consists of surface and subsurface geotechnical investigations in the proposed footprint of the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir in Stanislaus County, specifically, the proposed relocation of Del Puerto Canyon Road and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) access roadways. The proposed activities will occur in areas where data is needed to inform engineering cost projections, design, and permitting requirements. A preliminary site reconnaissance, geotechnical exploratory borings, test pits, geophysical investigations, and post-exploration restoration will be performed as part of the proposed activities.

Subsurface geotechnical investigations would include up to 124 borings. Crew vehicles and equipment will access the investigation areas daily throughout the investigation period. Up to three crews will be on site to conduct the field work at any given time. Equipment used during geotechnical explorations will include but is not limited to drill rig(s), excavators, support trucks, transport/delivery vehicles, pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles (SUVs), and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) such as two and four passenger side-by-sides. The Project will temporarily impact 0.083 acre/917 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Sections 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, Township 5 South, Range 7 East
Sections 25 & 26, Township 5 South, Range 6 East
Sections 3 & 4, Township 6 South, Range 7 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 37°28'32" and Longitude: -121°13'50"

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

1 May 2026 through 31 December 2026

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$ 4,212.00 was received on 17 December 2025.

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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project

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If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Peter Minkel by phone at (916) 464-4684 or by email at Peter.Minkel2@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

Attachments: Figure 1: Site Location Map

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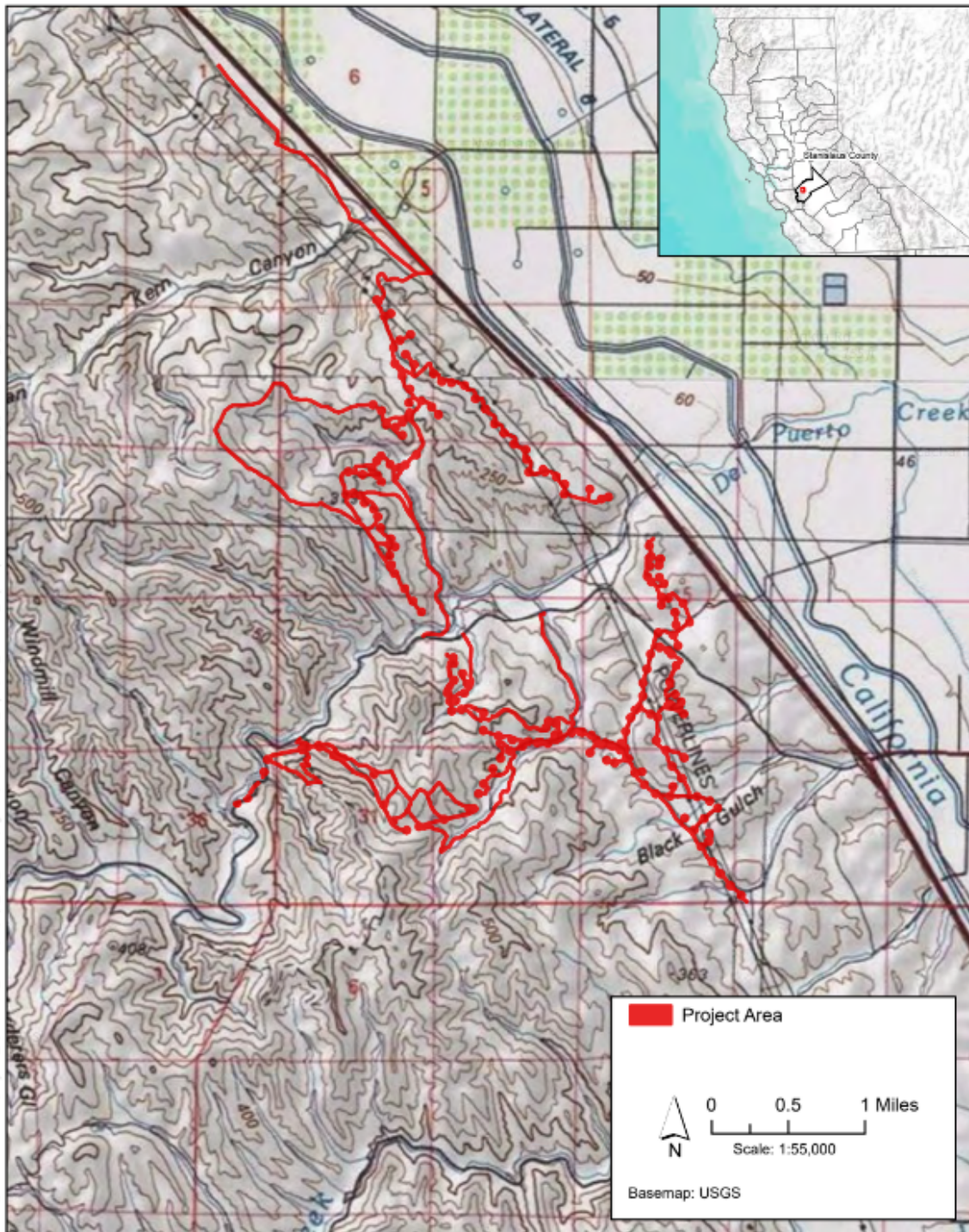


Figure 2
USGS Topographic Map
Del Puerto 2026 Geotechnical Activities

Figure 1 Site Location Map