

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER WQ 2022-0048-DWQ,
ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS
STATEWIDE, BOGGY MEADOW RESTORATION PROJECT (WDID# 5B55CR00193),
TUOLUMNE COUNTY**

On 2 October 2025, Jim Junette submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ, Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide (Order).

The Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment material and finds the Boggy Meadow Restoration Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order. 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 [Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2022/wqo2022-0048-dwq.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Coverage under the Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified. Failure to comply with Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 15.19-acre Project consists of completely filling incised channels, with the goal of restoring a sheet flow drainage pattern that would support a wet meadow plant community and ecological condition. Shallow, widely dispersed flow over the floodplain is expected to increase infiltration of precipitation into the floodplain aquifer recharge, thus extending the moisture availability to plants later into the growing season. The proposed treatment assumes that the incised channels in the meadow are the result of human activity including roads and livestock grazing, which would be addressed by partially filling two road ditches and temporarily excluding cattle from the meadow until adequate revegetation of disturbed areas is achieved. The long-term success of the treatment is predicated on grazing management that prioritizes vegetative stability (including rooting depth) along overland flow paths, and road maintenance that balances meadow hydrology needs with road drainage needs.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include:

1. Soil – to fill incision and restore flow to meadow surface;
2. Rock – as encountered with the soil in the roadside borrow areas. Some rock will help stabilize the soil. No rock riprap will be imported from offsite.
3. Wood – to discourage straight-line trailing. The Project will permanently impact 0.21 acres of wetlands and 0.02 acres of stream channel habitat.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located from Groveland head east and turn off to Cherry Lake. From the Cherry Lake Boat Launch, continue west on Road 1N04. After about 2 miles, turn right onto the 2N89 road, and the meadow is a little less than a mile up that road. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 37.99017 °N and longitude -119.96242 °W.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

July 2026-October 2026

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.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

(SCH # 2019100230)

- 3.11-1: Implementing restoration projects permitted under the Order could result in the release of pollutants into surface water and/or groundwater that could violate water quality standards or waste discharge requirements, substantially degrade water quality, or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan.

- 3.11-2: Implementing restoration projects permitted under the Order could substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that a project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin or obstruct implementation of a sustainable groundwater management plan.
- 3.11-3: Implementing restoration projects permitted under the Order could substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of a site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces in a manner that could substantially increase the rate of runoff; create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems; or impede or redirect flood flows.
- 3.6-1: Implementing future restoration projects permitted under the Order could result in substantial adverse effects to special-status fish species directly, or indirectly through habitat modifications.
- 3.6-2: Implementing future restoration projects permitted under the Order could result in substantial adverse direct effects on the movement of native resident or migratory fish.

REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Permittee shall follow notification and reporting requirements described in this Notice of Applicability (NOA), and those found in Attachment D of the Order WQ 2022-0048-DWQ, unless specified as an optional requirement and excluded from this NOA.

1. Annual Reporting

The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year within one month of the anniversary of the effective date of this Notice of Applicability. Annual reporting shall continue until the active discharge period is complete and the project enters the post-construction monitoring phase where upon the Permittee shall annually submit a Post-Construction Monitoring Report (Report Type 2) The Post-Construction Monitoring Report shall be submitted on the anniversary of the date that the project restoration activities were completed.

The Annual Report and Post Construction Monitoring Report shall include the information specified in Attachment D, Part A of Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ. The Permittee shall submit the report in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment D of Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ and email it to centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov and cc Sara Gevorgyan at Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov.

2. Notification for In-Water Work and Diversions

The project proponent shall notify the Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in flowing or standing water or stream diversions.

Notification may be via e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means. Within three (3) working days following completion of work in water or stream diversions, an In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report must be submitted to the Water Board.

3. Water Quality Monitoring Plan for In-Water Work or Diversions

A Water Quality Monitoring Plan shall be submitted to the approving Water Board for acceptance at least thirty (30) days in advance of commencement of project activity. Standards for in-water work or diversions are discussed in General In-Water Measures, specifically IWW-6, presented in Attachment A. The Permittee shall comply with the approving Water Board-specific water quality control plan water quality objectives and reporting requirements.

4. Environmental Monitoring

Per General Protection Measure 5 (GPM-5) of the Order, a resource specialist shall ensure that all applicable protective measures are implemented during project construction. The resource specialist shall have authority to stop any work if they determine that any permit requirement is not fully implemented. The resource specialist shall prepare and maintain a monitoring log of construction site conditions and observations, which will be kept on file.

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 Sara Gevorgyan by phone at (916) 464-4710 or by email at Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters

Patrick Pulupa

Executive Officer

Attachments: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. WQ 2022-0048-DWQ, Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide (Order).

Figure 1 : Location Map

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