
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, KERN RIVER EMERGENCY POLE REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5C15CR00139), KERN COUNTY

On 12 July 2023, Southern California Edison (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 9 October 2018 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (General Certification Order) for the Kern River Emergency Pole Repair 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 took place within less than 0.01 acre of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection 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/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/rgp8_cert.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

The Project was conducted 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 12 July 2023, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 Project consists of emergency repairs to two wooden poles that are at risk of falling over due to heavy erosion around the base of the poles. To prevent collapse, crews will need to fill and compact the base of Pole 940254E and place sandbags at the base of Pole 940253E. It is estimated that approximately 200 sandbags will be placed at the base of 940253E to prevent it from being washed into the Kern River, as the water levels are currently rising. All work at Pole 940254E is above the ordinary highwater mark.

The Project will permanently impact 0.01 acre of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located along the Kern River near Kernville.

Latitude: 35.720302 degrees North and Longitude: -118.434774 degrees West

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project started construction on 13 July 2023 and will continue until 14 July 2023.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,734.00 was received on 17 July 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 F - Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Brandon Salazar at (559) 445-6287 or at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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