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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

10 January 2024

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### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TULARE COUNTY, AVENUE 280 OVER OUTSIDE CREEK BRIDGE EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5C54CR00145), TULARE COUNTY**

On 4 January 2024, Tulare County (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 1 August 2023 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 Avenue 280 over Outside Creek Bridge Emergency Repair (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 0.07 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/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf)) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

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 6 January 2024, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Project consists of emergency road and bridge work on a segment of Avenue 280. Work will involve reconstructing the bridge approach roadway on both (east and west) ends of the bridge, reinforcing the foundations with rock to repair the roadway, and sealing up all eroded areas that may have developed around or under the bridge abutments. Construction services are anticipated to include, but are not limited to, debris removal, earthwork, lane/shoulder repairs, and installation/maintenance of road/embankment stabilization features.

The Project will permanently impact 0.01 acre and temporarily impact 0.06 acre of waters of the United States.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The Project is located on Avenue 280 over Outside Creek, near the city of Visalia.

Latitude: 36.297758 degrees North and Longitude: -119.185970 degrees West

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is January 2024 through March 2024 depending on weather.

**REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

The Applicant shall submit all required reports in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Order No. WQ 2023-0061-DWQ, and this Notice of Applicability and email them to [centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov) with a cc to Brandon Salazar at [brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov). The WDID No. for this Project is 5C54CR00145.

**APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:**

An application fee of \$2,985.00 was received on 8 January 2024.

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](mailto:Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov).

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