



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

22 November 2024

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, KAWEAH LAKE PROJECT 1 EMERGENCY REPAIR (WDID# 5C54CR00150), TULARE COUNTY

On 8 November 2024, the Southern California Edison (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 Kaweah Lake Project 1 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 0.01 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/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 8 November 2024, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 19.3-acre Project consists of emergency road repairs to the Applicant’s network of roads adjacent to Kaweah Lake. Following the initial storm events of 2023-2024, the Applicant began conducting damage assessments on service roads affected by the storms. These roads also service local residents and government agencies.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include:

- Vegetation removal and clearing downed tree and boulder obstructions.
- Blading to remove slides and slumps.
- Grading to repair blowouts, erosion, and rutting.
- Re-compacting and reinforcing undermined roads.
- Cleaning and repairing ditches, turnouts, and spur roads.
- Re-establishing berms, water bars, side drains, and water crossings.
- Returning drain inlets and overside drains to a functional state.
- Leveling and re-compacting road surfaces to remove potholes, ruts, and other unsafe surface irregularities.
- Repairing and returning into service culverts, McCarthy drains, walls, and over road protection features.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Temporarily impacted areas shall be restored to pre-Project condition.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Lake			
Ocean/bay/estuary			
Riparian Zone			
Stream Channel	0.01	8	38
Vernal Pool			
Wetland			

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at approximately two miles northeast of Lemon Cove, California, adjacent to Lake Kaweah in Tulare County. Impact locations are listed in Table 2.

Table 2: Impact Locations

Location ID	Latitude	Longitude
ENV010580	36.394648	-119.002379
ENV010581	36.388373	-118.965081

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is 2 December 2024 through 31 March 2025.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received on 8 November 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.

REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The Applicant shall submit all reports in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Order No. WQ 2023-0061-DWQ, and in accordance with conditions specified in this Notice of Applicability and email it to centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov with a cc to Brandon Salazar at brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov. The WDID No. for this Project is **5C54CR00150**.

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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Attachment 1: Project Vicinity Map

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