
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

**WAIVER OF REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGES WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
R5-2013-0145-0096**

**RALSTON POWERHOUSE TRAILRACE SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECT
PLACER COUNTY**

On 3 April 2017, the Placer County Water Agency (Applicant) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under *Waiver of Reports of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirement for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region*, Resolution R5-2013-0145 (Waiver). After review of the NOI 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 Waiver. Per the application package, there will be no disposal of dredge materials into surface waters, all dredged material will be placed upland.

Therefore, the discharge to land, as described in the NOI, qualifies for coverage under Category 3, as described in the Waiver. You are hereby assigned R5-2013-0145-0096 for the discharge to land. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

The in-water work associated with this project is covered under Clean Water Act, Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5A31CR00464) issued to the Placer County Water Agency for the Ralston Powerhouse Trailrace Sediment Management Project.

A copy of the Waiver is enclosed. You can also find the Waiver on the Central Valley Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2013-0145_res.pdf.

The project proceeded in accordance with the conditions specified in Waiver R5-2013-0145, and with the terms of the project description specified in the RWD. Coverage under this Waiver is valid until 18 December 2018 when the waiver expires.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Severe storms in 2016 and early 2017 created heavy runoff that deposited sediment, rock, and gravel in the vicinity of the Ralston Powerhouse. The increase in sediment caused the powerhouse to be

inoperable and caused an imminent threat to the facility. Removal of the accumulated sediment, rock, and gravel ensured the reliability and efficient operation of the Middle Fork American River Project, which relies on consistent and dependable operation of the Ralston Powerhouse.

The Ralston Powerhouse Trailrace Sediment Management Project removed 47,737 cubic yards of storm sediment, rocks, and gravel from the Rubicon River downstream of the Ralston Powerhouse using an excavator staged along a constructed, temporary, raised bench above the water level. The dredged material was hauled from the site to a vacant lot owned by the Applicant in Foresthill. This Notice of Applicability covered the disposal of dredged materials to land. The Project is assigned R5-2013-0145-0096 for the discharge to land.

APPROXIMATE TIMEFRAME OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:

10 April 2017 through 23 June 2017

PROJECT LOCATION:

Latitude: 39°0'2.89" N and Longitude: 120°43'30.97" W

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Elizabeth Lee, P.E., Environmental Scientist, at 916-464-4787 or Elizabeth.Lee@waterboards.ca.gov

Original signed by Nichole S. Morgan for

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Executive Officer

Enclosure: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region Resolution No. R5-2013-0145, Waiver of Reports of waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region