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## 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 DISCHARGE WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT MAINTENANCE PROJECT, SAN JOAQUIN AND STANISLAUS COUNTIES**

On 17 January 2018, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under the *Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2013-0145* (the Waiver). The submittal contains all the information required to evaluate the applicability of the Waiver; therefore, the NOI is considered complete and the discharge meets the conditions of the Waiver. The discharge is hereby covered under the Waiver Order R5-2013-0145-0100. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

#### **PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

DWR is planning to conduct maintenance activities at eight checks along the California Aqueduct (CAAQ), which is owned and operated by DWR. Four of the checks are located in San Joaquin County and four are located in Stanislaus County, as shown on Attachment A. The project is scheduled to begin 22 January 2018 and is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete.

Each of the eight checks along the CAAQ consist of a pair of stilling wells. Water within each well flows freely between the well and the CAAQ, and instrumentation within the well is used to remotely measure water elevation within the check. Sediment has accumulated in the stilling wells, causing inaccurate readings at low water elevations. The project consists of vacuuming out the sediment using vacuum truck. An estimated 10 gallons of silt (0.05 cubic yards) and approximately 250 gallons of water is expected to be suctioned out of each well. A total of less than 1 cubic yard of sediment and 4,000 gallons of water from the 16 stilling wells is estimated to be discharged to land. Water will be discharged within an unlined containment area located at the staging area shown on Attachment A, where the water will percolate and evaporate. The containment area will be approximately 20 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 1.5 feet deep with a filter-fabric lined earthen berm. The staging area is located on property owned by DWR.

DWR, as the lead agency, has determined that the proposed sediment removal project and associated discharge would be exempt from CEQA under 15301 Existing Facilities, and from the Section 404 of the Clean Water Act as maintenance.

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition, revised October 2011 (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. Pursuant to §13263(a) of the California Water Code (CWC), waste discharge requirements must implement the Basin Plan.

### **FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Please review the attached waiver documents and ensure that the discharge complies with the Conditions of Discharge contained in Attachment A. DWR is responsible for compliance with the waiver and must provide sufficient contractor oversight to ensure compliance and prompt reporting of any noncompliance.

### **DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS**

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to:

[centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov).

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information must be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name: Department of Water Resources, CAAQ Maintenance Project, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2013-0145-0100	CIWQS Place ID: 843908

Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
ECM Mailroom  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

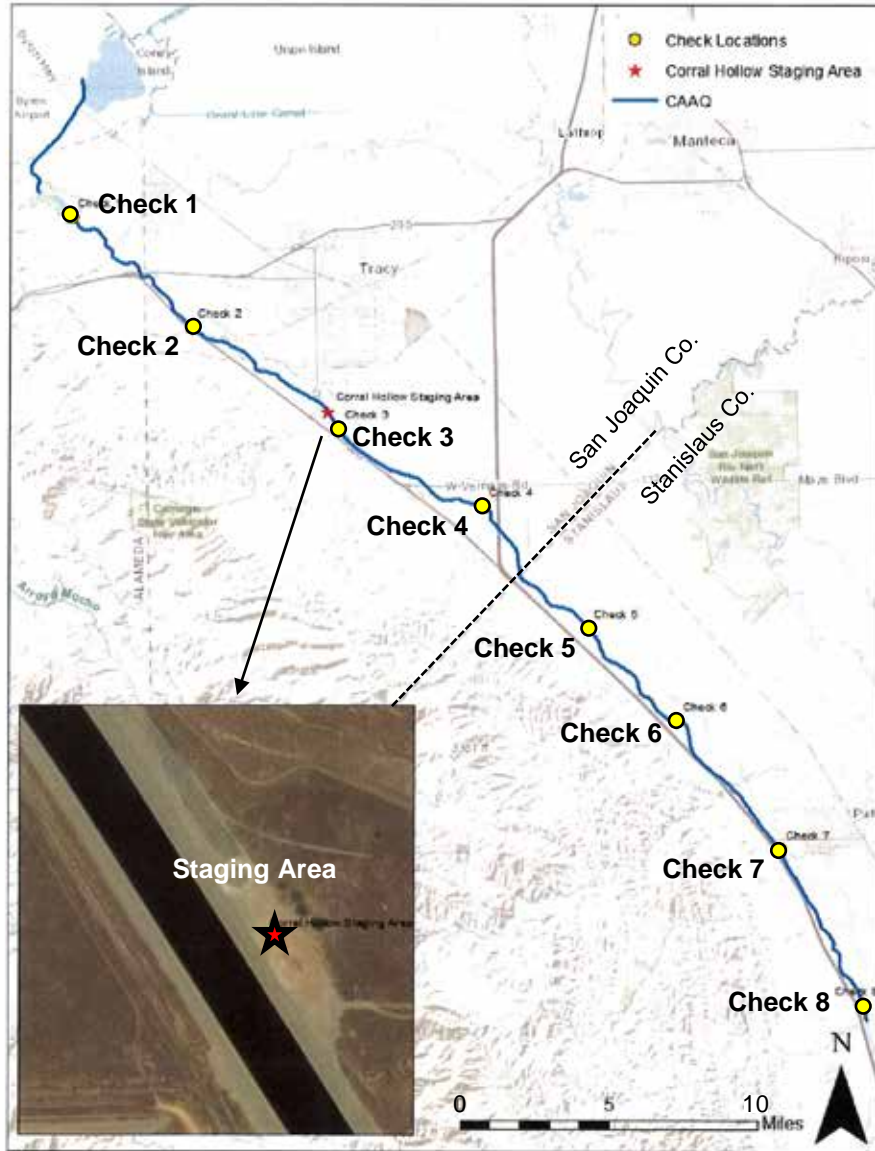
Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Brendan Kenny is your new point of contact for any questions about the Waiver. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Brendan will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Brendan at (916) 464-4635 or at [bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov).

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PAMELA C. CREEDON  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Waiver Order R5-2013-0145

cc w/o: Rodney Estrada, San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department,  
Stockton  
Bella Bedal, Stanislaus County Environmental Health Department, Modesto



**SITE LOCATION MAP**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT**  
**MAINTENANCE PROJECT**  
**SAN JOAQUIN AND STANISLAUS**  
**COUNTIES**

Figure Source: DWR NOI, 2018