



Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Reg. Measure ID: 461987
Place ID: 902313

Dear Anitha Balan:

NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR THE LOCKWOOD VALLEY ROAD MP 12.69 EMERGENCY REPAIRS PROJECT, VENTURA COUNTY, PROJECT NO. 35625WQ02

On July 29, 2025, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) received your Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll the Lockwood Valley Road MP 12.69 Emergency Repairs Project (Project) under the *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ*.

The Project will discharge to an ephemeral drainage tributary to Alamo Creek and Cuyama River. The Project will replace a culvert on Lockwood Valley Road. Central Coast Water Board staff understands that the Project includes the following activities:

1. Removing an existing corrugated metal pipe culvert.
2. Constructing a new headwall.
3. Installing a reinforced concrete pipe connecting to the existing remaining functional corrugated metal pipe.
4. Backfilling a wall with low-strength cementitious material and placing rock rip rap at the fill site.
5. Implementing erosion control measures around the new culvert.

Central Coast Water Board staff have reviewed your NOI for the Project. The Central Coast Water Board Executive Officer is issuing this Notice of Applicability (NOA) authorizing the Project under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ.

Authorized Impacts: Excavation and fill activities authorized by this NOA are limited to (1) 0.006 acres / 67 linear feet of permanent impacts to streambank; and (2) 0.002 acres / 58 linear feet of temporary impacts to streambank.

Additional Requirements: You must comply with all conditions of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, including the following requirements:

1. Pursuant to section II.C.4 of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, you must implement the Project in conformance with the information provided in your NOI. Any changes to the Project design as described in the NOI must receive Central Coast Water Board Executive Officer approval before the changes are implemented.

JANE GRAY, CHAIR | RYAN E. LODGE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2. Pursuant to section II.C.16 of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, you must submit a Notice of Termination to the Central Coast Water Board upon completion of Project activities.
3. Pursuant to sections A.6 and A.11 of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, your Project must not cause significant adverse impacts on water quality, beneficial uses of waters of the State, and the environment. In addition, pursuant to section II.C.3 of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, your Project must not cause a condition of pollution, contamination, or nuisance. In order for you to comply with these requirements, Central Coast Water Board staff finds:
 - a. The Permittee shall retain a spill plan and appropriate spill control and clean up materials (e.g., oil absorbent pads) onsite in case spills occur.
 - b. All construction vehicles and equipment used on site shall be well maintained and checked daily for fuel, oil, and hydraulic fluid leaks or other problems that could result in spills of toxic materials.
4. Pursuant to section II.C.4 the Permittee shall employ the avoidance and minimization measures identified in the *Lockwood Valley Road Emergency Repairs Project Natural Environment Study* dated July 2025 including the following:
 - a. Prior to any ground-disturbing activities, environmentally sensitive area (ESA) fencing shall be installed around the single leaf pinyon pine woodland at MP 12.69.
 - b. Caltrans-defined ESAs shall be noted on design plans and delineated in the field prior to the start of construction activities.
 - c. Prior to initiation of all construction activities including staging and mobilization, all personnel associated with project construction shall attend a Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, conducted by a qualified biologist, to assist workers in recognizing special-status biological resources that occur on site.
 - d. Following completion of the project, a hydroseeding mix of appropriate local native species, as deemed by a qualified biologist, shall be distributed along cleared and grubbed areas to restore and promote bank stabilization for future wash-outs.

Reporting Requirements: Pursuant to section C.26 of Order No. 2004-004-DWQ, you must submit the following reports:

1. **Notice of Termination Report – To terminate enrollment under this Order, the Permittee must submit for Central Coast Water Board review and approval a Notice of Termination Report.** The Notice of Termination Report shall include all information as specified below and include “Notice of Termination Report” in the title.
 - a. The date of construction initiation.
 - b. The date of construction completion.
 - c. A summary of daily activities, monitoring and inspection observations, and problems incurred and actions taken;
 - d. Identification of when site personnel trainings occurred, description of the topics covered during trainings, and confirmation that every person engaged in construction activities or their oversight at the Project site was trained.
 - e. Clearly identified photo-documentation of all areas of permanent and temporary impact, prior to and after project construction; and
 - f. Clearly identified representative photo-documentation of other project areas, prior to and after project construction.

The total application fee for this project of \$4,212 was paid on July 21, 2025. The remaining application fee payable to the Central Coast Water Board is \$0. Annual fees may apply.

If you have questions, please contact **April Woods** at (805) 549 3332 or via email at April.Woods@waterboards.ca.gov or Phil Hammer at (805) 549-3882.

Sincerely,

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