

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SACRAMENTO DISTRICT 1325 J STREET SACRAMENTO CA 95814-2922

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Regulatory Division (SPK-2017-00324)

County of Fresno Attn: Mr. Steven White 2220 Tulare Street, 7th Floor Fresno, California 93721-2106 stwhite@co.fresno.ca.us

Dear Mr. White:

We are responding to your March 15, 2022, pre-construction notification for a Department of the Army (DA) permit for the Dry Creek Bridge Replacement at Burrough Valley Road Project. The approximately 3.19-acre project site is located on Dry Creek, Latitude 36.99254°, Longitude -119.41338°, within Fresno County, California.

Based on the information you provided to this office, the Dry Creek Bridge Replacement at Burrough Valley Road Project involves the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S. for the construction of a bridge and culvert which is subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The specific activities that require DA authorization are the removal of the old bridge, grading of the bank to prepare for the new bridge, and the placement of rock slope protection. These activities will result in permanent impacts to approximately 0.008-acre of stream channel, and temporary impacts to approximately 0.09-acre of stream channel. The proposed activities would be conducted in accordance with the Project Activity and Water Impacts Map, prepared by the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, dated June 6, 2021.

We have determined that activities in waters of the U.S. associated with the project are authorized by Nationwide Permit Number (NWP) 14. You must comply with all terms and conditions of the NWP and applicable regional conditions. Enclosed is information about the NWP terms and conditions (Enclosure 1). You should pay particular attention to General Conditions 6, 9, 12, 20 and 25. In addition, your work must comply with the following special conditions:

- 1. Prior to initiation of construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this verification, you shall notify this office in writing of the anticipated start date for the work. No later than 10 calendar days following completion of construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this verification, you shall notify this office in writing that construction activities have been completed.
- You shall comply with all terms and conditions of the May 13, 2022, water quality certification from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (WDID #5C10CR00079).
- 3. Prior to initiation of any construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this verification, you shall install construction BMPs as identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, prepared by Fresno County, which is hereby incorporated by reference as a condition of this verification.

You shall ensure the BMPs are maintained in good condition while ground disturbing activities are occurring, until construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this verification are complete. All BMPs shall remain until construction activities are completed and all disturbed soils are stabilized.

4. You shall conduct all work when the project area is naturally dewatered. If the project area needs temporary water diversion to dewater, you shall submit dewatering plans to this office and obtain written approval prior to installing the diversion. No work shall be conducted in flowing water.

Within 30 days after completion of the authorized work, you must sign the enclosed Compliance Certification and return it to this office.

This verification is valid until March 14, 2026, when the existing NWPs are scheduled to be modified, reissued, or revoked. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date the NWP is modified, reissued, or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification, reissuance, or revocation to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions. Failure to comply with the general and regional conditions of this NWP, or the project-specific special conditions of this authorization, may result in the suspension or revocation of your authorization.

We would appreciate your feedback on this permit action including your interaction with our staff and processes. For more information about our program or to complete our Regulatory Program national customer service survey, visit our website at www.spk.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory.aspx.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2017-00324 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cecelia Working at 1325 J Street, Room 1350, Sacramento, CA 95814, by email at cecelia.l.working@usace.army.mil, or telephone at 916-557-7617.

Sincerely,

Kathy Norton Sr. Regulatory Project Manager CA South Section

Enclosures

CC:

Ms. Alexis Rutherford, County of Fresno, arutherford@fresnocountyca.gov Ms. Nicolette Nobuhiro, County of Fresno, nnobuhiro@fresnocountyca.gov

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Permit File Name: Dry Creek Bridge Replacement at Burrough Valley Road Action ID: SPK-2017-00324 **Nationwide Permit Number: 14, Linear Transportation Permittee:** County of Fresno Attn: Mr. Steve White 2220 Tulare Street, 7th Floor Fresno, California 93721-2106 County: Fresno County Date of Verification: November 14, 2022 Within 30 days after completion of the activity authorized by this permit, sign this certification and return it to the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District Regulatory Division 1325 J Street, Room 1350 Sacramento, California 95814-2922 spkregulatorymailbox@usace.army.mil Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit your authorization may be suspended, modified, or revoked. If you have any questions about this certification, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. * * * * * * * * I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced permit, including all the required mitigation, was completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit verification. Permittee Signature Date