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## Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER

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**Project Type:** Permanent Diversion Structures

**Project:** New River Improvement Project - Calexico Reach  
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## **I. Order**

This Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 Water Quality Certification action and Order (Order) is issued at the request of the City of Calexico (Permittee) for the New River Improvement Project – Calexico Reach (Project). This Order is for the purpose described in the application submitted by the Permittee. The application was received on June 24, 2021. The application was deemed complete on October 3, 2021.

## **II. Public Notice**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from July 20, 2021 to August 10, 2021. The Colorado River Basin Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

## **III. Project Purpose**

The purpose of the Project is to remove trash and debris from the New River and reduce the river's existing public health threat to the City of Calexico.

## **IV. Project Description**

The New River does not meet water quality standards and is on the State of California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list for 23 separate pollutants. Pollution within the New River, including trash and pathogen-indicator bacteria, poses a serious threat to public health, degrades ecosystems for wildlife, and contributes to water quality degradation as the New River flows to the Salton Sea. The New River's pathogen impairments in the Calexico area pose a threat to public health, and the Project will help address this threat through: (1) installation of a trash rack to remove trash from the river, (2) diversion of polluted water around the populated city center to reduce the public health threat, and (3) replacement of the New River flow within the City of Calexico with treated, disinfected wastewater from the city's wastewater treatment plant, which meets water quality standards for contact and non-contact water recreation.

The Project includes the following components: a new trash screen across the New River at a point approximately 800 feet downstream from the U.S.-Mexico Border; a diversion structure to divert up to 160 cubic feet per second of New River flows immediately downstream from the trash screen; a new 72-inch bypass pipeline that would start at the diversion structure near 2nd Street in Calexico, go around downtown Calexico northwesterly for about 1.5 miles, and end at a point just upstream of where the All-American Canal goes over the New River; and a pump-back system that would replace the diverted, untreated water in the river channel with treated wastewater from the City of Calexico's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The Project would result in a wetted 1.5-mile stretch of the New River that meets water quality standards for contact recreation from near the International Border to where the river channel crosses the All-American Canal. By removing trash from the New River, the trash screen will help meet the allowable load of zero pounds per day of trash established

by the total maximum daily load (TMDL) for trash for the New River at the International Boundary.

## V. Project Location

The Project is located entirely within the City of Calexico. The city is in the southernmost portion of Imperial County, California, along the U.S.-Mexico International Boundary. The city is approximately 125 miles east of San Diego and borders the City of Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. Please refer to Figure 1, Regional Location Map, which shows the Project location.

The City of Calexico is in a developing rural area with agricultural fields to the north, east, and west in the Imperial Valley, but borders the City of Mexicali, Mexico, which is a metropolitan urbanized area, with manufacturing, commercial, and industrial facilities. All Project components are proposed north of the International Boundary and within or south of the New River channel:

- The trash screen would be installed across the New River channel at a point approximately 800 feet northwest of the International Border.
- The diversion structure would be built just downstream of the trash screen and abut the New River.
- The bypass pipeline would start at the diversion structure at a point approximately 300 feet southeast of the intersection of 2nd Street and the New River and extend for approximately 8,100 feet northwesterly, traversing disturbed, undeveloped land south of the New River, towards the western boundary of the City of Calexico; and would end back at the New River a point a few hundred feet upstream of where the All-American Canal Syphon goes over the New River.
- The pump-back system consists of a sewage pump station and 16-inch force main. The pump station will be built at the City of Calexico WWTP. The force main will start at the WWTP and continue along and within Animal Shelter Drive (an existing paved road), with the exception of the last 500 feet of force main, which will be installed along an existing dirt road that leads to the proposed location of the diversion structure.

Figure 2 shows the location of the Project's components. Latitude and longitude of the Project midpoint in decimal degrees are 32.670611N and 115.512664W, respectively. The Project's area Assessor's parcel numbers (APNs) are provided below:

- 058-180-019, 058-180-021, 058-822-002, 058-400-072
- 058-400-073, 058-400-074, 058-400-097, 058-822-003

## VI. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Colorado River Basin Water Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by the Project are protected in accordance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region ([Basin Plan](#)) and other plans and policies, which may be accessed

online at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_planning/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/basin_planning/)

The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the U.S./state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

Project impact and receiving waters information can be found in Attachment B.

Table 1 of Attachment B shows the receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the U.S. impacted by the Project. Individual impact location and quantity is shown in Table 2 of Attachment B.

**VII. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the U.S.**

The Project would result in permanent impacts to the New River channel from installation of the trash screen, concrete channel structure, diversion structure, and riprap. Permanent impacts to waters of the U.S. are calculated considering the area of concrete, riprap, and other material that would be placed within the New River.

The Project would also result in temporary impacts to wetlands and waters of the U.S., including open water, unvegetated drainage channels, and riparian and wetland vegetation. Temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. would occur during cofferdam installation and dewatering of the New River channel for installation of the concrete diversion structure and from installation of the bypass pipeline.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological conditions only.

**Table 1 Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity to Waters of the U.S.**

Temporary Impact <sup>1</sup>	Permanent Impact - Physical Loss of Area	Permanent Impact - Degradation of Ecological Condition Only
1.61 acres 10,587 cubic yards	0.17 acres 4,220 cubic yards	0.0

**VIII. Compensatory Mitigation**

The Permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation at a ratio of 3:1 for the authorized permanent impacts to 0.17 acres of waters of the U.S. by enhancing 0.51 acres of riparian scrub habitat.

**IX. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

The Permittee, as CEQA lead agency, adopted an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) on April 21, 2020 for the Project. As a responsible agency, the

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<sup>1</sup> Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the U.S. and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the U.S. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

Colorado River Basin Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document prepared by the Permittee and finds that it addresses the Project's water resource impacts. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (h).) Pursuant to CEQA, the Colorado River Basin Water Board has made Findings of Facts (Findings) which support the issuance of this Order and are included in Attachment C.

## **X. Petitions for Reconsideration**

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to reconsider this Order in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867. A petition for reconsideration must be submitted in writing and received within 30 calendar days of the issuance of this Order.

## **XI. Fees Received**

An application fee of \$2,066 was received on June 25, 2021. 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 A – Fill & Excavation Dischargers (fee code 84) with the dredge and fee calculator.

The remaining project fee of \$30,711 based on total Project impacts was received on January 3, 2022.

## **XII. Conditions**

The Colorado River Basin Water Board has independently reviewed the record of the Project to analyze impacts to water quality and designated beneficial uses within the watershed of the Project. In accordance with this Order, the Permittee may proceed with the Project under the following terms and conditions:

### **A. Authorization**

Impacts to waters of the U.S. shall not exceed quantities shown in Table 1.

### **B. Reporting and Notification Requirements**

The following section details the reporting and notification types and timing of submittals. Requirements for the content of these reporting and notification types are detailed in Attachment E, including specifications for photo and map documentation during the Project.

Written reports and notifications must be submitted using the Reporting and Notification Cover Sheet located in Attachment E, which must be signed by the Permittee or an authorized representative.

## **1. Project Reporting**

### **a. Monthly Reporting:**

The Permittee must submit a Monthly Report to the Colorado River Basin Water Board on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month for the duration of the construction phase. Monthly reporting shall continue until the Colorado River

Basin Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee.

**b. Annual Reporting:**

The Permittee must submit an Annual Report including activities conducted for the previous fiscal year (July 1-June 30) to the Colorado River Basin Water Board on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Annual Reports must be submitted even if Project construction has not begun. Annual reporting shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee by the Colorado River Basin Water Board.

**c. Other Reporting:**

If pollutants are observed in surface water, the Permittee shall submit a report to the Colorado River Basin Water Board within 30 days after encountering the pollutants and describe actions taken to correct the problem and provide photographic documentation that supports the information in the report.

If repairs are required, the Permittee shall take pictures of the area where work needs to take place, documenting the before and after conditions of the area, and shall maintain a daily log for each site where work is taking place pursuant to this Order, while the Permittee conducts its repair activities. The log shall:

- Provide a general description of the repair work;
- Specify the date and daily starting and ending time for the repair work;
- Note key weather conditions (e.g., temperature, wind speed and direction, precipitation, if any);
- Include notes from visual observations regarding the presence/absence of construction debris/trash (e.g., discarded filter fiber) and used oil (e.g., oil that leaks from construction equipment) in the area where the work has taken place.

**Within 30 days following completion of all repair work**, the Permittee shall submit to the Colorado River Basin Water Board a summary report of the key daily log entries. The summary report shall include the above-mentioned before and after pictures of the conditions of the area and shall be signed by the Permittee's Project Manager.

## **2. Project Status Notifications**

**a. Commencement of Construction:**

The Permittee shall submit a Commencement of Construction Report at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.

**b. Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:**



The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter following completion of active Project construction activities, including any required restoration and permittee-responsible mitigation. This request shall be submitted to the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff within 30 days following completion of all Project construction activities. Upon acceptance of the request, Colorado River Basin Water Board staff will issue a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee which will end the active discharge period and associated annual fees.

**c. Request for Notice of Project Completion Letter:**

The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter when construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete,<sup>2</sup> and no further Project activities will occur. This request shall be submitted to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff within 30 days following completion of all Project activities. Upon approval of the request, the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff will issue a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee, which will end the post discharge monitoring period and associated annual fees.

**3. Conditional Notifications and Reports:**

The following notifications and reports are required as appropriate.

**a. Accidental Discharges of Hazardous Materials<sup>3</sup>:** Following an accidental discharge of a reportable quantity of a hazardous material, sewage, or an unknown material, the following applies (Wat. Code, § 13271):

- i. As soon as (A) the Permittee has knowledge of the discharge or noncompliance, (B) notification is possible, and (C) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures, then:
  - first call – 911 (to notify local response agency)
  - then call – Office of Emergency Services (OES) State Warning Center at: (800) 852-7550 or (916) 845-8911
  - Lastly, follow the required OES procedures as set forth in:

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<sup>2</sup> Completion of post-construction monitoring shall be determined by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff and shall be contingent on successful attainment of restoration and mitigation performance criteria.

<sup>3</sup> "Hazardous material" means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. "Hazardous materials" include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, and any material that a handler or the administering agency has a reasonable basis for believing that it would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. (Health & Saf. Code, § 25501.)

[http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill\\_Booklet\\_Feb2014\\_FINAL\\_BW\\_Acc.pdf](http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill_Booklet_Feb2014_FINAL_BW_Acc.pdf)

- ii. Following notification to OES, the Permittee shall notify the Colorado River Basin Water Board, as soon as practicable (ideally within 24 hours). Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.
- iii. Within five (5) working days of notification to the Colorado River Basin Water Board, the Permittee must submit an Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report.

**b. Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards:**

The Permittee shall notify the Colorado River Basin Water Board of any event causing a violation of compliance with water quality standards. Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

- i. Examples of noncompliance events include lack of stormwater treatment following a rain event, discharges causing a visible plume in a water of the U.S., and runoff from water contact with uncured concrete.
- ii. This notification must be followed within three (3) working days by submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report.

**c. In-Water Work:**

- i. The Permittee shall notify the Colorado River Basin Water Board at least 48 hours prior to initiating work in water or stream diversions. Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.
- ii. Within three (3) working days following completion of work in water or stream diversions, an In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report must be submitted to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff.

**d. Modifications to Project:**

Project modifications may require an amendment of this Order. The Permittee shall give advance notice to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff if Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority by submitting a Modifications to Project Report. The Permittee shall inform Colorado River Basin Water Board staff of any

Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with this Order.

**e. Transfer of Property Ownership:**

This Order is not transferable in its entirety or in part to any person or organization except after notice to the Colorado River Basin Water Board in accordance with the following terms:

- i. The Permittee must notify the Colorado River Basin Water Board of any change in ownership or interest in ownership of the Project area by submitting a Transfer of Property Ownership Report. The Permittee and purchaser must sign and date the notification and provide such notification to the Colorado River Basin Water Board at least 10 days prior to the transfer of ownership.
- ii. Until such time as this Order has been modified to name the purchaser as the permittee, the Permittee shall continue to be responsible for all requirements set forth in this Order.

**f. Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance:**

If maintenance responsibility for post-construction best management practices (BMPs) is legally transferred, the Permittee must submit to the Colorado River Basin Water Board a copy of such documentation and must provide the transferee with a copy of a long-term BMP maintenance plan that complies with manufacturer or designer specifications. The Permittee must provide such notification to the Colorado River Basin Water Board with a Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report at least 10 days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.

**C. Water Quality Monitoring**

**1. General:**

If surface water is present, continuous visual surface water monitoring shall be conducted to detect any accidental discharge of construction related pollutants (e.g. oil and grease, turbidity plume, or uncured concrete).

**2. Accidental Discharges/Noncompliance:**

Upon occurrence of an accidental discharge of hazardous materials or a violation of compliance with a water quality standard, Colorado River Basin Water Board staff may require water quality monitoring based on the discharge constituents and/or related water quality objectives and beneficial uses.

**a. In-Water Work or Diversions:**

For projects involving planned work in water or stream diversions, a water quality monitoring plan shall be submitted to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff for acceptance at least 30 days in advance of any discharge to the affected water body. Water quality monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with the approved plan.

Sampling shall be conducted in accordance with Table 2 sampling parameters, and work in water or stream and diversionary discharge(s) to waters of the U.S. shall not contribute to or cause exceedance of the following water quality standards<sup>4, 5</sup>:

**Table 2: Sample Type, Frequency, and Water Quality Objectives**

Parameter	Unit of Measurement	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency	Water Quality Objective
Oil and Grease	N/A	Visual	Continuous	25 mg/L
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L and % saturation	Grab	Every 4 hours	≥ 5 mg/L
pH	Standard Units	Grab	Every 4 hours	6 - 9
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Every 4 hours	Narrative <sup>6</sup>
Temperature	°F (or as °C)	Grab	Every 4 hours	Narrative <sup>7</sup>

In the event that water quality sampling shows an exceedance of water quality objectives, notify the Colorado River Basin Water Board in the Monthly Report.

b. Post-Construction:

The Permittee shall visually inspect the Project site during a rain event of greater than 0.1 inches that produces a discharge for five (5) years to ensure excessive erosion, stream instability, or other water quality pollution is not occurring in or downstream of the Project site. If water quality pollution is occurring, the Permittee shall contact the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff member overseeing the Project within three (3) working days. The Colorado River Basin Water Board may require the submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report. Additional permits may be required to carry out any necessary site remediation.

**D. Standard**

1. This Order is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Water Code section 13330, and California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapter 28, article 6 commencing

<sup>4</sup> Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations part 136; where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, the method shall be approved by Colorado River Basin Water Board's Executive Officer. Grab samples shall be taken between the surface and mid-depth and not be collected at the same time each day to get a complete representation of variations in the receiving water. A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a USEPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring shall be maintained onsite.

<sup>5</sup> Discharges originating in Mexico may cause exceedances of water quality objectives. The Permittee is not responsible for exceedances caused from discharges originating in Mexico, and if appropriate, may demonstrate that any detected exceedances were not caused by the Permittee.

<sup>6</sup> Waters shall be free of changes in turbidity that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.

<sup>7</sup> The natural receiving water temperature of surface waters shall not be altered by discharges of waste unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Colorado River Basin Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

with section 3867. Additionally, the Colorado River Basin Water Board reserves the right to suspend, cancel, or modify and reissue this Order, after providing notice to the Permittee, if the Colorado River Basin Water Board determines that: the Project fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order; or, when necessary to implement any new or revised water quality standards and implementation plans adopted or approved pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.) or federal Clean Water Act section 303 (33 U.S.C. § 1313). For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), the condition constitutes a limitation necessary to ensure compliance with water quality standards and appropriate requirements of state law.

2. This Order is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license, unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3855(b), and that application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. This Order is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under title 23 of the California Code of Regulations and owed by the Permittee.
4. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Order, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process, or sanctions as provided for under state and federal law. For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, processes, or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Order.

#### **E. General Compliance**

1. Failure to comply with any condition of this Order shall constitute a violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the Clean Water Act. The Permittee and/or discharger may then be subject to administrative and/or civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13385.
2. Permitted actions must not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standards, including impairment of designated beneficial uses for receiving waters as adopted in the Basin Plan by the Colorado River Basin Water Board or any applicable State Water Board water quality control plan or policy. The source of any such discharge must be eliminated as soon as practicable.
3. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Order, the Colorado River Basin Water Board may require the holder of this Order to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Water Boards deem

appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. Additional monitoring requirements ensure that permitted discharges and activities comport with any applicable effluent limitations, water quality standards, and/or other appropriate requirement of state law.

4. The Permittee must, at all times, fully comply with engineering plans, specifications, and technical reports submitted to support this Order; and all subsequent submittals required as part of this Order. The conditions within this Order and Attachments supersede conflicting provisions within Permittee submittals.
5. This Order and all of its conditions contained herein continue to have full force and effect regardless of the expiration or revocation of any federal license or permit issued for the Project. For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), this condition constitutes a limitation necessary to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements of state law.
6. The Permittee must comply with the requirements of the applicable Clean Water Act section 404 permit and/or Rivers and Harbors Act section 10 permit.

#### **F. Administrative**

1. Signatory requirements for all document submittals required by this Order are presented in Attachment D of this Order.
2. This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered or candidate species or any act, which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, §§ 2050-2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this Order held by the Permittee, the Permittee must obtain authorization for the take prior to any construction or operation of the portion of the Project that may result in a take. The Permittee is responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable endangered species act for the Project authorized under this Order.
3. The Permittee shall grant Colorado River Basin Water Board staff or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a Water Board representative), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, permission to:
  - a. Enter upon the Project or compensatory mitigation site(s) premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept;

- b. Have access to and copy any records that are kept and are relevant to the Project or the requirements of this Order;
  - c. Inspect any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order; and
  - d. Sample or monitor for the purposes of assuring Order compliance.
4. A copy of this Order shall be provided to any consultants, contractors, and subcontractors working on the Project. Copies of this Order shall remain at the Project site for the duration of this Order. The Permittee shall be responsible for work conducted by its consultants, contractors, and any subcontractors.
  5. A copy of this Order must be available at the Project site(s) during construction for review by site personnel and agencies. All personnel performing work on the Project shall be familiar with the content of this Order and its posted location at the Project site.
  6. **Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement** – The Permittee shall submit a signed copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s lake and streambed alteration agreement to the Colorado River Basin Water Board immediately upon execution and prior to any discharge to waters of the U.S.

## **G. Construction**

### **Good Site Management “Housekeeping”**

1. The Permittee shall follow good site management “housekeeping” and implement erosion control, sediment control, and other construction-related best management practices (BMPs) depicted in Table 3 below.
2. Ground-disturbing activities (work area preparation, grading, clearing, grubbing, trenching, construction, and decommissioning activities) shall comply with biological monitoring standards outlined in the issued Streambed Alteration Agreement or other Department of Fish and Wildlife agreement and be subject to approval by the Colorado River Basin Water Board.
3. The area of vegetation and soil disturbance shall be restricted to the smallest extent possible.
4. After completing construction activities, any disturbed areas shall be restored to pre-existing contours and conditions to the extent feasible.

**Table 3: BMPs**

Type of BMP	BMP	Application
Construction BMPs	Erosion control	Implement erosion control BMPs to mitigate soil erosion, minimize soil loss from wind erosion, and to reduce air pollution during construction activities for all disturbed areas. Examples: mulch, straw, wood chips, soil application, lot perimeter protection per county standards, bonded fiber matrix or stabilized fiber matrix, physical stabilization erosion control blanket.
	Velocity reduction	Implement velocity reduction BMPs to reduce water/runoff velocity. Examples: energy dissipater outlet protection.
	Sediment control	Implement sediment control BMPs to remove sediment loads from runoff generated within the construction site for all disturbed areas. Examples: silt fence, fiber rolls, gravel bags, dewatering filtration.
	Off-site sediment tracking control	Implement off-site sediment tracking control BMPs for reducing the transport of sediment on tires off, and within, construction site. Examples: stabilized construction entrance, construction road stabilization, entrance/exit tire wash, entrance/exit inspection and cleaning facility.
	General site and materials management	Implement general site and materials management BMPs for materials and waste management. Examples: material delivery and storage management, spill prevention and control, concrete waste management, solid waste management, sanitary waste management, hazardous waste management.
Low Impact Development (LID)	Conservation of natural drainages	Implement LID BMPs to conserve natural drainages. Examples: minimize disturbances of natural areas, construct in least environmentally sensitive areas.
	Minimize disturbances to natural drainages	Implement LID BMPs to minimize disturbances to natural drainages. Examples: avoid disturbing natural swales and topographic depressions, construction setback from creeks.
	Minimize impervious surfaces	Implement LID BMPs to reduce impervious surfaces through efficient site design. Examples: preserve existing vegetation, permeable roads with minimum widths.
	Minimize soil compaction	Implement LID BMPs to minimize soil compaction. Examples: protect native soil and vegetation from construction equipment.
	Drain runoff from impervious surfaces to pervious areas	Implement LID BMPs to drain runoff from impervious surfaces to pervious areas.
	Hydrologic design	Implement LID BMPs for optimizing hydrologic design. Examples: infiltration trenches or basins, depression areas for infiltration, bio-filters such as vegetated or rock swales.



Type of BMP	BMP	Application
	Permeable pavement design	Implement LID BMPs using permeable pavement design. Examples: pervious concrete, permeable asphalt concrete/pavers, granular material.
	LID road design	Implement LID BMPs for road design. Examples: permeable roads, reduction of overall road coverage, direct runoff to vegetated swales.
Post-Construction BMPs	Protection of channel banks/manufactured slopes	Implement channel protection BMPs to protect banks of the channels as well as the slopes.
	Outlet protection	Implement outlet protection BMPs to reduce discharge/water velocity. Examples: energy dissipater outlet protection, velocity dissipation devices.

**Hazardous Materials**

- 5. No toxic and/or hazardous materials shall be stored near or within wash/drainage areas. To the extent practicable, these materials shall be stored offsite and placed in appropriate secondary containment.
- 6. Spoil sites shall not be located where spoil could be washed back into the stream channel or where spoil covers aquatic or riparian vegetation. Any materials placed in seasonally dry portions of the drainage areas that could be washed downstream or could be harmful to aquatic life shall be removed from the streambed prior to inundation by high flows.
- 7. No fueling or maintenance of equipment or vehicles shall occur adjacent or within the wash/drainage areas.

**Roads**

- 8. Work and staging areas and temporary access routes shall be sized, located, and flagged to limit potential impacts to natural areas. Previously-disturbed areas shall be used to the extent feasible.

**Sediment Control**

- 9. The Permittee shall implement sediment control BMPs to remove sediment loads from runoff generated within the construction site for all disturbed areas.
- 10. The Permittee shall implement off-site sediment tracking control BMPs for reducing the transport of sediment on tires off of and within the construction site.

**Stabilization/Erosion Control**

11. The Permittee shall implement erosion control BMPs to mitigate soil erosion, minimize soil loss from wind erosion, and to reduce air pollution during construction activities for all disturbed areas.

**Stormwater**

12. The Permittee shall develop and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that complies with the requirements of the State Water Board’s *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities* (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ; NPDES No. CAS000002).

13. Post-construction, the Permittee shall implement channel protection BMPs to protect the banks of the channels as well as the slopes.

14. Post-construction, the Permittee shall implement outlet protection BMPs to reduce discharge/water velocity.

**H. Compensatory Mitigation for Temporary and Permanent Impacts<sup>8</sup>**

**1. Total Required Compensatory Mitigation**

- a. The Permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation at a ratio of 3:1 for the authorized permanent impacts to 0.17 acres of waters of the U.S. by enhancing 0.51 acre of riparian scrub habitat.
- b. Total required, Project-compensatory mitigation information for permanent physical loss of area is summarized in Table 4:

**Table 4: Required Project Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts**

<b>Aquatic Res. Type</b>	<b>Comp. Mit. Type<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>Est.<sup>10</sup></b>	<b>Re-est.</b>	<b>Reh.</b>	<b>Enh.</b>	<b>Pres.</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Riparian Zones</b>	Permittee-Responsible	--	--	--	0.51 acres 624 linear feet	--	--

<sup>8</sup> Compensatory Mitigation is for permanent physical loss and permanent ecological degradation of a water of the state.

<sup>9</sup> Compensatory mitigation type may be: In-Lieu-Fee (ILF); Mitigation Bank (MB); Permittee-Responsible (PR).

<sup>10</sup> Methods of mitigation: establishment (Est.), reestablishment (Re-est.), rehabilitation (Reh.), enhancement (Enh.), preservation (Pres.). Unknown applies to advance credits with an unknown method and or location.

## **2. Final Compensatory Mitigation Plan**

- a.** The Permittee submitted the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Plan dated August 18, 2021(Compensatory Mitigation Plan), which was approved by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff and is incorporated herein by reference.
- b.** Any deviations from, or revisions to, the Compensatory Mitigation Plan must be pre-approved by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. The monitoring period shall continue until Colorado River Basin Water Board staff determines that performance standards have been met. This may require the monitoring period to be extended.

## **3. Permittee-Responsible Compensatory Mitigation Responsibility**

- a.** The Permittee-responsible mitigation shall be completed within 18 months of authorized impacts.
  - b.** The Permittee is responsible for the required compensatory mitigation in perpetuity. However, the Permittee may transfer the compensatory mitigation requirements associated with long-term management when the following conditions have been met:
    - i.** Performance standards are met.
    - ii.** A Transfer Agreement to a third party has been approved by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff.
    - iii.** An endowment fund has been provided by the Permittee to a third party for management in perpetuity of the mitigation site.
    - iv.** A conservation easement, deed restriction, or other appropriate restrictive covenant for the mitigation site has been recorded and approved by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff.
  - c.** Transfer of Long-Term Permittee-Responsible Compensatory Mitigation and Management Responsibility
    - i.** A transfer agreement shall be submitted from an authorized representative of the new party (transferee) for acceptance by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. This agreement shall demonstrate acceptance and understanding of the responsibility to comply with and fully satisfy the required compensatory mitigation and long-term management conditions. Failure to comply with the mitigation conditions and associated requirements may subject the
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transferee to enforcement by the Colorado River Basin Water Board under Water Code section 13385, subdivision (a).

- ii. Notification of transfer of responsibilities meeting the above condition must be provided to the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. A draft transfer agreement is due to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff no less than 30 days prior to the transfer of the mitigation responsibility. A final transfer agreement is due to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff within 30 days of the completion of the transfer.

#### **4. Restoration of Temporary Impact Areas**

The Permittee shall restore all areas of temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. and all Project site upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the U.S.

**XIII. Water Quality Certification**

I hereby issue the Order for the New River Improvement Project – Calexico Reach, under Clean Water Act section 401 that as long as all of the conditions listed in this Order are met, any discharge from the referenced Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Clean Water Act sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards). Pursuant to State Water Board Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ, this Order also serves as Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code, § 13000 et seq.).

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Order actions are contingent on: (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the conditions of this Order and the attachments to this Order; and, (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of statewide water quality control plans and policies and the Colorado River Basin Water Board’s Basin Plan and policies.

Original Signed By

Paula Rasmussen  
 Executive Officer  
 Colorado River Basin  
 Regional Water Quality Control Board

1/5/2022

Date

- Attachment A** Maps
- Attachment B** Receiving Waters, Impact, and Mitigation Information
- Attachment C** CEQA Findings of Fact
- Attachment D** Signatory Requirements
- Attachment E** Reporting Requirements

**Attachment A  
Project Maps**

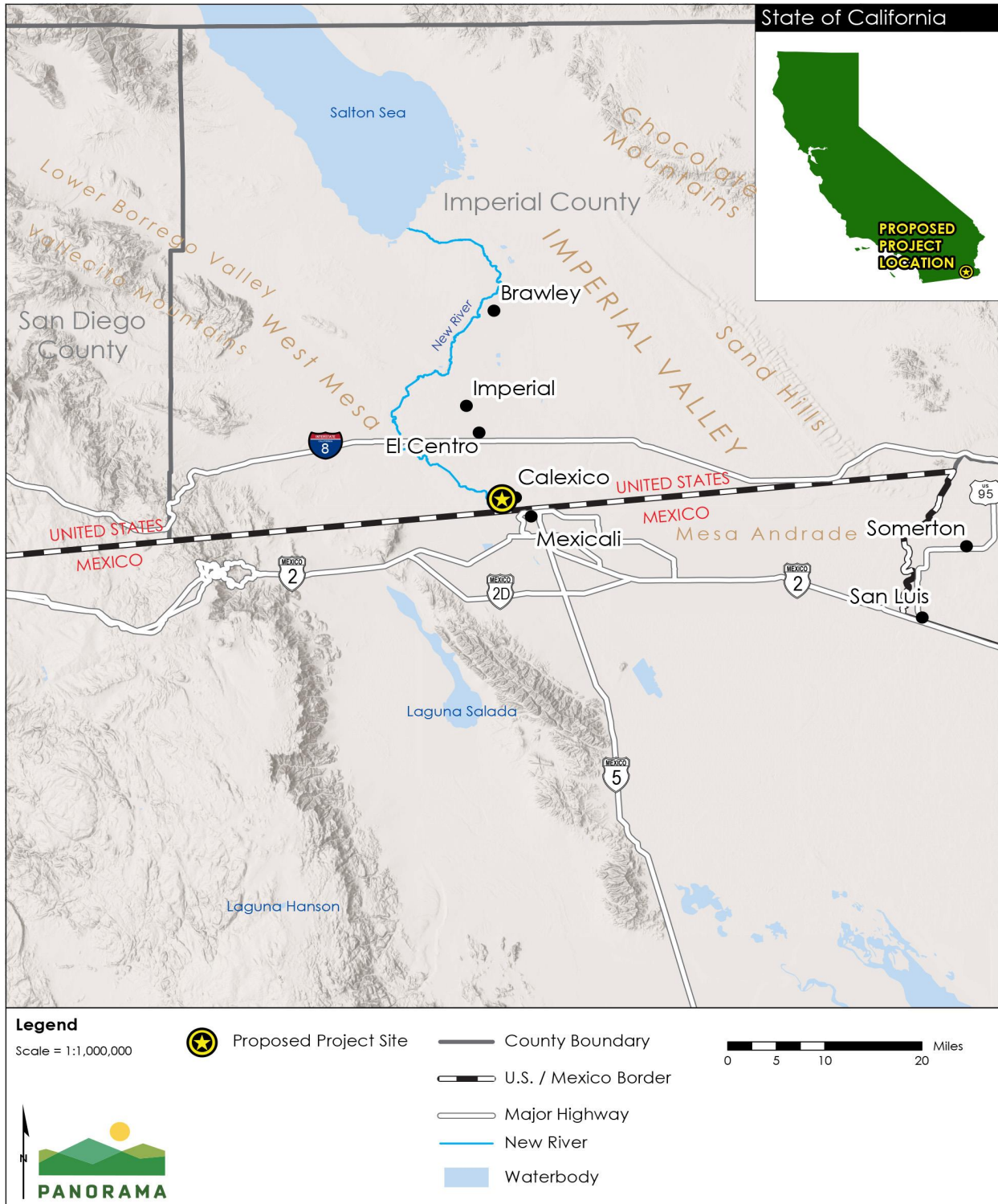


Figure 1 Regional Location Map



Figure 2 Project Location

**Attachment B**  
**Receiving Waters, Impact, and Mitigation Information**

**Receiving Waters**

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

**Table 1: Receiving Water(s) Information**

Non-Federal Waters	Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	eCRAM ID
No	1	New River	Stream channel	Imperial Valley	New River	FRSH REC I REC II WARM WILD RARE IND	Pathogen-indicator bacteria, low dissolved oxygen, sediment, toxicity, trash, selenium, chlordane, chlorpyrifos, dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT), diazinon, dieldrin, toxaphene, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), hexachlorobenzene (HCB), nutrients, mercury, lambda cyhalothrin, dDisulfoton, imidacloprid, DDD (Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane), Malathion, Naphthalene, chloride, ammonia and cypermethrin.	--



**Individual Direct Impact Locations**

The following table shows individual impact locations.

**Table 2: Individual Direct Impact Information**

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Temporary Dredge Impacts	Permanent Dredge Impacts	Temporary Fill/Excavation Impacts	Permanent Fill/Excavation Impacts
1	32.66561,	-115.50225	Yes	--	--	0.3 acre	0.16 acre
2	32.66838,	-115.80848	No	--	--	1.31 acres	--
3	32.67041,	-115.52561	Yes	--	--	--	0.01 acre

**Compensatory Mitigation**

**Table 3: Required Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts**

Aquatic Resource Type	Compensatory Mitigation Type <sup>11</sup>	Establishment	Re-establishment	Rehabilitation	Enhancement	Preservation
Intermittent, Riverine	PR	--	--	--	0.51	--

<sup>11</sup> Compensatory mitigation types may be: In-Lieu-Fee (ILF); Mitigation Bank (MB); Permittee-Responsible (PR).

**Attachment C**  
**CEQA Findings**

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**A. Introduction**

On April 21, 2020, the City of Calexico (Permittee), as CEQA lead agency, adopted an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that the Permittee's adopted environmental document comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid (Public Resources Code, §§ 21080.1(a), 21167.2). The Colorado River Basin Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and finds that the environmental document prepared by the Permittee addresses the Project's water resource impacts. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (f).) The environmental document includes the mitigation measures developed by the Permittee that have been adopted for the Project to reduce potential significant impacts. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21081.6, subd. (a)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091, subd. (d).)

**B. Findings**

Pursuant to CEQA, these Findings of Facts (Findings) support the issuance of this Order based on the approved IS/MND, MMRP, and the application for this Order. All CEQA project impacts are analyzed in detail in the IS/MND, which is incorporated herein by reference. The IS/MND is available at: 608 Heber Avenue, Calexico, California, 92231. The Permittee's application for this Order, including all supplemental information provided, is incorporated herein by reference.

**C. Determination**

The IS/MND describes potential significant environmental effects to water resources that were mitigated in the IS/MND. Having considered the whole of the record, the Colorado River Basin Water Board has determined that there is no substantial evidence that the Project or any of its aspects could result in significant adverse impacts to water resources, when implemented in accordance with the mitigation measures required in MMRP and the conditions in this Order. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (h).)

**Attachment D**  
**Signatory Requirements**

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SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

All documents submitted in compliance with this Order shall meet the following signatory requirements:

1. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Colorado River Basin Water Board must be signed and certified as follows:
  - a. For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer of at least the level of vice-president.
  - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or proprietor, respectively.
  - c. For a municipality, or a state, federal, or other public agency, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
2. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in items 1.a through 1.c above may sign documents if:
  - a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in items 1.a through 1.c above.
  - b. The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated activity.
  - c. The written authorization is submitted to the Colorado River Basin Water Board Staff contact prior to submitting any documents listed in item 1 above.
3. Any person signing a document under this section shall make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.”

## Attachment E Reporting Requirements

### Copies of this Form

In order to identify your project, it is necessary to include a copy of the Project specific Cover Sheet below with your report: please retain for your records. If you need to obtain a copy of the Cover Sheet you may download a copy of this Order as follows:

1. Go to:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/certifications.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/certifications.html)

2. Find your Order in the table based on Applicant, Date, and Subject headers.

### Report Submittal Instructions

1. Check the box on the Report and Notification Cover Sheet next to the report or notification you are submitting.

a. **Part A (Annual Report):** This report will be submitted annually from the anniversary of Project effective date until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued.

b. **Part B (Project Status Notifications):** Used to notify the Colorado River Basin Water Board of the status of the Project schedule that may affect Project billing.

c. **Part C (Conditional Notifications and Reports):** Required on a case by case basis for accidental discharges of hazardous materials, violation of compliance with water quality standards, notification of in-water work, or other reports.

2. Sign the Report and Notification Cover Sheet and attach all information requested for the Report Type.

3. **Electronic Report Submittal Instructions:**

a. Submit signed Report and Notification Cover Sheet and required information via email to: [coloradoriver@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:coloradoriver@waterboards.ca.gov) and cc: [kai.dunn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kai.dunn@waterboards.ca.gov)

b. Include in the subject line of the email:

Subject: ATTN: Kai Dunn; Reg. Measure ID: 444006\_Report

### Definition of Reporting Terms

1. **Active Discharge Period:** The active discharge period begins with the effective date of this Order and ends on the date that the Permittee receives a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or, if no post-construction monitoring is required, a Notice of Project Complete Letter. The Active Discharge Period includes all elements of the Project including site construction and restoration, and any Permittee responsible compensatory mitigation construction.
2. **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff pertains to projects that have post construction monitoring requirements, e.g. if site restoration was required to be monitored for 5 years following construction. Colorado River Basin Water Board staff will review the request and send a Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee upon approval. This letter will initiate the post-discharge monitoring period and a change in fees from the annual active discharge fee to the annual post-discharge monitoring fee.
3. **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff pertains to projects that either have completed post-construction monitoring and achieved performance standards or have no post-construction monitoring requirements, and no further Project activities are planned. Colorado River Basin Water Board staff will review the request and send a Project Complete Letter to the Permittee upon approval. Termination of annual invoicing of fees will correspond with the date of this letter.
4. **Post-Discharge Monitoring Period:** The post-discharge monitoring period begins on the date of the Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter and ends on the date of the Notice of Project Complete Letter issued by the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff. The Post-Discharge Monitoring Period includes continued water quality monitoring or compensatory mitigation monitoring.
4. **Effective Date:** Date of Order issuance.

### Map/Photo Documentation Information

When submitting maps or photos, please use the following formats.

1. **Map Format Information:**

Preferred map formats of at least 1:24000 (1" = 2000') detail (listed in order of preference):

- **GIS shapefiles:** The shapefiles must depict the boundaries of all project areas and extent of aquatic resources impacted. Each shape should be attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Features and boundaries should be accurate to within 33 feet (10 meters). Identify datum/projection used and if possible, provide map with a North American Datum of 1983 (NAD38) in the California Teale Albers projection in feet.
- **Google KML files** saved from Google Maps: My Maps or Google Earth Pro. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Include URL(s) of maps. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- **Other electronic format** (CAD or illustration format) that provides a context for location (inclusion of landmarks, known structures, geographic coordinates, or USGS DRG or DOQQ). Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- Aquatic resource maps marked on paper **USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps** or **Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQ)** printouts. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.

2. **Photo-Documentation:** Include a unique identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions

**REPORT AND NOTIFICATION COVER SHEET**

<b>Project:</b>	New River Improvement Project - Calexico Reach
<b>Permittee:</b>	City of Calexico
<b>WDID No.:</b>	7A133166001
<b>Reg. Meas. ID:</b>	444006
<b>Place ID:</b>	975027
<b>Order Effective Date:</b>	January 5, 2022

**Report Type Submitted**

**Part A – Project Reporting**

Report Type 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Report
Report Type 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Report

**Part B – Project Status Notifications**

Report Type 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Commencement of Construction
Report Type 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter
Report Type 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter

**Part C – Conditional Notifications and Reports**

Report Type 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report
Report Type 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report
Report Type 8	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report
Report Type 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Modifications to Project Report
Report Type 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of Property Ownership Report
Report Type 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

<b>Print Name<sup>12</sup></b>	<b>Affiliation and Job Title</b>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

I hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to act in my behalf as my representative in the submittal of this report, and to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of this submittal

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Permittee's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*This Report and Notification Cover Sheet must be signed by the Permittee or a duly authorized representative and included with all written submittals.**

<sup>12</sup> STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION (include if authorization has changed since application was submitted)



**Part A – Project Reporting**

<b>Report Type 1</b>	<b>Monthly Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Colorado River Basin Water Board staff of the Project status and environmental compliance activities on a monthly basis.
<b>When to Submit</b>	On the 15th day of every month until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Construction Summary</b> Describe Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs<sup>13</sup>). If construction has not started, provide estimated start date.</li> <li><b>2. Event Summary</b> Describe distinct Project activities and occurrences, including environmental monitoring, surveys, and inspections.</li> <li><b>3. Photo Summary</b> Provide photos of Project activities. For each photo, include a unique site identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions.</li> <li><b>4. Compliance Summary</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a)</b> List name and organization of environmental surveyors, monitors, and inspectors involved with monitoring environmental compliance for the reporting period.</li> <li><b>b)</b> List associated monitoring reports for the reporting period.</li> <li><b>c)</b> Summarize observed incidences of non-compliance, compliance issues, minor problems, or occurrences.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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<sup>13</sup> Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control.

	<p><b>d)</b> Describe each observed incidence in detail. List monitor name and organization, date, location, type of incident, corrective action taken (if any), status, and resolution.</p>
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<b>Report Type 2</b>	<b>Annual Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff of Project status during both the active discharge and post-discharge monitoring periods.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Annual reports shall be submitted each year on December 31st. Annual reports shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<p>The contents of the annual report shall include the topics indicated below for each project period. Report contents are outlined in Annual Report Topics below.</p> <p><b><u>During the Active Discharge Period</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Topic 1: Construction Summary</b></li> <li>• <b>Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status</b></li> <li>• <b>Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>During the Post-Discharge Monitoring Period</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status</b></li> <li>• <b>Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status</b></li> </ul>

**Annual Report Topics (1-3)**

<b>Annual Report Topic 1</b>	<b>Construction Summary</b>
<b>When to Submit</b>	With the annual report during the Active Discharge Period.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction storm water best management practices (BMPs). If construction has not started, provide estimated start date and reasons for delay.</li> <li>2. Map showing general Project progress.</li> <li>3. If applicable:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Summary of Conditional Notification and Report Types 6 and 7 (Part C below).</li> <li>b. Summary of Certification Deviations. See Certification Deviation Attachment for further information.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<b>Annual Report Topic 2</b>	<b>Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status</b>
<b>When to Submit</b>	With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planned date of initiation and map showing locations of mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and all upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.</li> <li>2. If mitigation for temporary impacts has already commenced, provide a map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the restoration plan.</li> </ol>
<b>Annual Report Topic 3</b>	<b>Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status</b>
<b>When to Submit</b>	With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<p><b>*If not applicable report N/A.</b></p> <p><b>Part A. Permittee Responsible</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planned date of initiation of compensatory mitigation site installation.</li> <li>2. If installation is in progress, a map of what has been completed to date.</li> <li>3. If the compensatory mitigation site has been installed, provide a final map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the compensatory mitigation plan.</li> </ol> <p><b>Part B. Mitigation Bank or In-Lieu Fee</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status or proof of purchase of credit types and quantities.</li> <li>2. Include the name of bank/ILF Program and contact information.</li> <li>3. If ILF, location of project and type if known.</li> </ol>

**Part B – Project Status Notifications**

<b>Report Type 3</b>	<b>Commencement of Construction</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify Colorado River Basin Water Board staff prior to the start of construction.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Must be received at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Date of commencement of construction.</li> <li>2. Anticipated date when discharges to waters of the state will occur.</li> <li>3. Project schedule milestones including a schedule for onsite compensatory mitigation, if applicable.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type 4</b>	<b>Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify Colorado River Basin Water Board staff that post-construction monitoring is required and that active Project construction, including any mitigation and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation, is complete.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Must be received by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.</li> <li>2. Status of post-construction storm water BMP installation.</li> <li>3. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all Project activity sites where the discharge of dredge and/or fill/excavation was authorized.</li> <li>4. Summary of Certification Deviation discharge quantities compared to initial authorized impacts to waters of the state, if applicable.</li> <li>5. An updated monitoring schedule for mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation during the post-discharge monitoring period, if applicable.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type 5</b>	<b>Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify Colorado River Basin Water Board staff that construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, or is not required, and no further Project activity is planned.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Must be received by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<p><b>Part A: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for Project site upland areas of</li> </ol>

	<p>temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for restored areas of temporary impacts to waters of the state. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all restoration sites.</li></ol> <p><b>Part B: Permittee Responsible Compensatory Mitigation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the compensatory mitigation plan have been met.</li><li>4. Status on the implementation of the long-term maintenance and management plan and funding of endowment.</li><li>5. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all compensatory mitigation sites.</li><li>6. Final maps of all compensatory mitigation areas (including buffers).</li></ol> <p><b>Part C: Post-Construction Storm Water BMPs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Date of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.</li><li>8. Report status and functionality of all post-construction BMPs.</li></ol>
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<b>Part C – Conditional Notifications and Reports</b>
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<b>Report Type 6</b>	<b>Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Colorado River Basin Water Board staff that an accidental discharge of hazardous material has occurred.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Within five (5) working days following the date of an accidental discharge. Continue reporting as required by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The report shall include the OES Incident/Assessment Form, a full description and map of the accidental discharge incident (i.e. location, time and date, source, discharge constituent and quantity, aerial extent, and photo documentation). If applicable, the OES Written Follow-Up Report may be substituted.</li> <li>2. If applicable, any required sampling data, a full description of the sampling methods including frequency/dates and times of sampling, equipment, locations of sampling sites.</li> <li>3. Locations and construction specifications of any barriers, including silt curtains or diverting structures, and any associated trenching or anchoring.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type 7</b>	<b>Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Colorado River Basin Water Board staff that a violation of compliance with water quality standards has occurred.
<b>When to Submit</b>	The Permittee shall report any event that causes a violation of water quality standards within three (3) working days of the noncompliance event to Colorado River Basin Water Board staff.
<b>Report Contents</b>	The report shall include: the cause; the location shown on a map; and the period of the noncompliance including exact dates and times. If the noncompliance has not been corrected, include: the anticipated time it is expected to continue; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and any monitoring results if required by Colorado River Basin Water Board staff.

<b>Report Type 8</b>	<b>In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Colorado River Basin Water Board staff of the completion of in-water work.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Within three (3) working days following the completion of in-water work. Continue reporting in accordance with the approved water quality monitoring plan.
<b>Report Contents</b>	As required by the approved water quality monitoring plan.

<b>Report Type 9</b>	<b>Modifications to Project Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Colorado River Basin Water Board staff if the Project, as described in the application materials, is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.
<b>When to Submit</b>	If Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.
<b>Report Contents</b>	A description and location of any alterations to Project implementation. Identification of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with the Order.

<b>Report Type 10</b>	<b>Transfer of Property Ownership Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Colorado River Basin Water Board staff of change in ownership of the Project or Permittee-responsible mitigation area.
<b>When to Submit</b>	At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of ownership.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A statement that the Permittee has provided the purchaser with a copy of this Order and that the purchaser understands and accepts:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Order's requirements and the obligation to implement them or be subject to administrative and/or civil liability for failure to do so; and</li> <li>b. responsibility for compliance with any long-term BMP<sup>14</sup> maintenance plan requirements in this Order.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. A statement that the Permittee has informed the purchaser to submit a written request to the Colorado River Basin Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type 11</b>	<b>Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Colorado River Basin Water Board staff of transfer of long-term BMP maintenance responsibility.
<b>When to Submit</b>	At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.
<b>Report Contents</b>	A copy of the legal document transferring maintenance responsibility of post-construction BMPs.

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<sup>14</sup> Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control.