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# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
Willows Construction Office  
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Mr. Patrick Pulupa  
Executive Officer  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
California Water Boards  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

Dear Mr. Pulupa:

On December 28, 2018, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board) provided notice to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) that State Water Resources Control Board, Clean Water Act Section 401, General Water Quality Certification SB170001GN was applicable to Reclamation's Shasta Lake Geologic Testing Scope Project (Project).<sup>1</sup> Following this notice, Reclamation received two letters from the Board purporting to rescind and deny Clean Water Act Certification for the Project:

1. Rescission of Notice of Applicability: State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification, SB17001GN, of the 2017 Nationwide Permits (NWP No. 6) for Shasta Lake Geologic Testing Scope Project, Shasta County, WDID No. 5A45CR00557 (January 24, 2019), and
2. Denial of Water Quality Certification for Shasta Lake Geologic Testing Scope Project, Shasta County, WDID No. 5A45CR00557 (February 7, 2019).

Reclamation views the Board's attempt to rescind and deny Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification for the Project as ineffective and inconsistent with the Clean Water Act and applicable regulations. Accordingly, Reclamation is moving forward with completing testing activities as described in the Notice of Intent.


If you wish to discuss this with myself, please feel free to contact 530-892-6262.

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<sup>1</sup> See Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Notice of Applicability: State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification, SB17001GN, of the 2017 Nationwide Permits (NWP No. 6) for Shasta Lake Geologic Testing Scope Project, Shasta County, WDID No. 5A45CR00557.

Please direct all correspondence regarding this matter to the Construction Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation, Willows Construction Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger Worsley". The signature is stylized with a large "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Roger Worsley  
Willows Construction Office Manager (Acting)