

Final Sacramento District Nationwide Permit Regional Conditions for Utah
(Effective March 19, 2012 until March 18, 2017)

1.* When pre-construction notification (PCN) is required, the permittee shall notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (Corps) in accordance with General Condition 31 using either the South Pacific Division Preconstruction Notification (PCN) Checklist or a signed application form (ENG Form 4345) with an attachment providing information on compliance with all of the General and Regional Conditions. In addition, the PCN shall include:

a. A written statement describing how the activity has been designed to avoid and minimize adverse effects, both temporary and permanent, to waters of the United States;

b. Drawings, including plan and cross-section views, clearly depicting the location, size and dimensions of the proposed activity, as well as the location of delineated waters of the U.S. on the site. The drawings shall contain a title block, legend and scale, amount (in cubic yards) and area (in acres) of fill in Corps jurisdiction, including both permanent and temporary fills/structures. The ordinary high water mark or, if tidal waters, the mean high water mark and high tide line, should be shown (in feet), based on National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) or other appropriate referenced elevation. All drawings for activities located within the boundaries of the Los Angeles District shall comply with the September 15, 2010 Special Public Notice: *Map and Drawing Standards for the Los Angeles District Regulatory Division*, (available on the Los Angeles District Regulatory Division website at: www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/); and

c. Numbered and dated pre-project color photographs showing a representative sample of waters proposed to be impacted on the site, and all waters of the U.S. proposed to be avoided on and immediately adjacent to the project site. The compass angle and position of each photograph shall be identified on the plan-view drawing(s) required in subpart b of this Regional Condition.

2. For all Nationwide Permits (NWP), the permittee shall submit a pre-construction notification (PCN) in accordance with General Condition 31 and Regional Condition 1, in the following circumstances:

a. For any activity in waters of the United States below 4,217 feet mean sea level (msl) adjacent to the Great Salt Lake and below 4,500 feet msl adjacent to Utah Lake. The PCN shall include information sufficient to initiate consultation for compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, in accordance with General Condition 18.

b. For all crossings of perennial waters and intermittent waters; and

c. For all activities proposed within 100 feet of the point of discharge of a known natural spring source, which is any location where ground water emanates from a point in the ground excluding seeps or other discharges which lack a defined channel;

3. The permittee shall record the NWP verification with the Registrar of Deeds or other appropriate official charged with the responsibility for maintaining records of title to or interest in real property for areas (1) designated to be preserved as part of compensatory mitigation for authorized impacts, including any associated covenants or restrictions, or (2) where boat ramps or docks, marinas, piers, and permanently moored vessels will be constructed or placed in or adjacent to navigable waters. The recordation shall also include a map showing the surveyed location of the preserved area or authorized structure.

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4. For all waters of the U.S. proposed to be avoided on a site, unless determined to be impracticable by the Corps, the permittee shall:

a. Establish and maintain, in perpetuity, a preserve containing all avoided waters of the U.S. to ensure that the functions of the aquatic environment are protected;

b. Place all avoided waters of the U.S. and any upland buffers into a separate parcel prior to discharging dredge or fill material into waters of the U.S., and

c. Establish permanent legal protection for all preserve parcels, following Corps approval of the legal instrument;

If the Corps determines that it is impracticable to require permanent preservation of the avoided waters, additional mitigation may be required in order to compensate for indirect impacts to the waters of the U.S.

5. For all temporary fills, the PCN shall include a description of the proposed temporary fill, including the type and amount of material to be placed, the area proposed to be impacted, and the proposed plan for restoration of the temporary fill area to pre-project contours and conditions, including a plan for the re-vegetation of the temporary fill area, if necessary. In addition, the PCN shall include the reason(s) why avoidance of temporary impacts is not practicable.

In addition, for all activities resulting in temporary fill within waters of the U.S., the permittee shall:

a. Utilize material consisting of clean and washed gravel. For temporary fills within waters of the U.S. supporting anadromous fisheries, spawning quality gravel shall be used, where practicable, as determined by the Corps, after consultation with appropriate Federal and state fish and wildlife agencies;

b. Place a horizontal marker (e.g. fabric, certified weed free straw, etc.) to delineate the existing ground elevation of the waters temporarily filled during construction; and

c. Remove all temporary fill within 30 days following completion of construction activities.

6. Unless determined to be impracticable by the Corps, in addition to the requirements of General Condition 2, the following criteria shall apply to all road crossings:

a.* For all activities in waters of the U.S. that are suitable habitat for Federally-listed fish species, the permittee shall design all road crossings to ensure that the passage and/or spawning of fish is not hindered. In these areas, the permittee shall employ bridge designs that span the stream or river, including pier- or pile-supported spans, or designs that use a bottomless arch culvert with a natural stream bed;

b. Road crossings shall be designed to ensure that no more than minor impacts would occur to fish and wildlife passage or expected high flows, following the criteria listed in Regional Condition 6(a). Culverted crossings that do not utilize a bottomless arch culvert with a natural stream bed may be authorized for waters that do not contain suitable habitat for Federally listed fish species, if it can be demonstrated and is specifically determined by the Corps, that such crossing will result in no more than minor impacts to fish and wildlife passage or expected high flows;

c. No construction activities shall occur within standing or flowing waters. For ephemeral or intermittent streams, this may be accomplished through construction during the dry season. In perennial streams, this may be accomplished through dewatering of the work area. Any proposed dewatering plans must be approved, in writing, by the Corps prior to commencement of construction activities; and

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d. All bank stabilization activities associated with a road crossing shall comply with Regional Condition 17.

In no case shall stream crossings result in a reduction in the pre-construction bankfull width or depth of perennial streams or negatively alter the flood control capacity of perennial streams.

7.* For activities in which the Corps designates another Federal agency as the lead for compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 as amended, pursuant to 50 CFR Part 402.07, Section 305(b)(4)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (EFH), pursuant to 50 CFR 600.920(b) and/or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(a)(2), the lead Federal agency shall provide all relevant documentation to the Corps demonstrating any previous consultation efforts, as it pertains to the Corps Regulatory permit area (for Section 7 and EFH compliance) and the Corps Regulatory area of potential effect (APE) (for Section 106 compliance). For activities requiring a PCN, this information shall be submitted with the PCN. If the Corps does not designate another Federal agency as the lead for ESA, EFH and/or NHPA, the Corps will initiate consultation for compliance, as appropriate.

8. For all NWP's which require a PCN, the permittee shall submit the following additional information with the compliance certificate required under General Condition 30:

a. As-built drawings of the work conducted on the project site and any on-site and/or off-site compensatory mitigation, preservation, and/or avoidance area(s). The as-builts shall include a plan-view drawing of the location of the authorized work footprint (as shown on the permit drawings), with an overlay of the work as constructed in the same scale as the permit drawings. The drawing shall show all areas of ground disturbance, wetland impacts, structures, and the boundaries of any on-site and/or off-site mitigation or avoidance areas. Please note that any deviations from the work as authorized, which result in additional impacts to waters of the U.S., must be coordinated with the appropriate Corps office prior to impacts; and

b. Numbered and dated post-construction color photographs of the work conducted within a representative sample of the impacted waters of the U.S., and within all avoided waters of the U.S. on and immediately adjacent to the proposed project area. The compass angle and position of all photographs shall be similar to the pre-construction color photographs required in Regional Condition 1(c) and shall be identified on the plan-view drawing(s) required in subpart a of this Regional Condition.

9. For all activities requiring permittee responsible mitigation, the permittee shall develop and submit to the Corps for review and approval, a final comprehensive mitigation and monitoring plan for all permittee responsible mitigation prior to commencement of construction activities within waters of the U.S. The plan shall include the mitigation location and design drawings, vegetation plans, including target species to be planted, and final success criteria, presented in the format of the *Sacramento District's Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Proposal Guidelines*, dated December 30, 2004, and in compliance with the requirements of 33 CFR 332.

10.* The permittee shall complete the construction of any compensatory mitigation required by special condition(s) of the NWP verification before or concurrent with commencement of construction of the authorized activity, except when specifically determined to be impracticable by the Corps. When mitigation involves use of a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program, the permittee shall submit proof of payment to the Corps prior to commencement of construction of the authorized activity.

11. The permittee is responsible for all authorized work and ensuring that all contractors and workers are made aware and adhere to the terms and conditions of the permit authorization. The permittee shall ensure

that a copy of the permit authorization and associated drawings are available and visible for quick reference at the site until all construction activities are completed.

12. The permittee shall clearly identify the limits of disturbance in the field with highly visible markers (e.g. construction fencing, flagging, silt barriers, etc.) prior to commencement of construction activities within waters of the U.S. The permittee shall maintain such identification properly until construction is completed and the soils have been stabilized. The permittee is prohibited from any activity (e.g. equipment usage or materials storage) that impacts waters of the U.S. outside of the permit limits (as shown on the permit drawings).

13. For all activities in which a PCN is required, the permittee shall notify the appropriate district office of the start date for the authorized work within 10 days prior to initiation of construction activities.

14. The permittee shall allow Corps representatives to inspect the authorized activity and any mitigation areas at any time deemed necessary to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of the NWP verification. The permittee will be notified in advance of an inspection.

15. No in-stream grouted outfall structures or grouting of stream bottoms shall be authorized under any NWP, unless the Corps determines that such structures are necessary and the permittee demonstrates, and the Corps concurs, that such structures would result in only minor impacts to waters of the U.S.

16. For NWP 12: Permittees shall ensure the construction of utility lines does not result in the draining of any water of the U.S., including wetlands. This may be accomplished through the use of clay blocks, bentonite, or other suitable material (as approved by the Corps) to seal the trench. For utility line trenches, during construction, the permittee shall remove and stockpile, separately, the top 6 – 12 inches of topsoil. Following installation of the utility line(s), the permittee shall replace the stockpiled topsoil on top and seed the area with native vegetation. The permittee shall submit a PCN for utility line activities in the following circumstances:

a. The utility line crossing would result in a discharge of dredged and/or fill material into perennial waters, intermittent waters, wetlands, mudflats, vegetated shallows, riffle and pool complexes, sanctuaries and refuges or coral reefs;

b. The utility line activity would result in a discharge of dredged and/or fill material into greater than 100 linear feet of ephemeral waters of the U.S.;

c. The utility line installation would include the construction of a temporary or permanent access road, substation or foundation within waters of the U.S.; or

d. The proposed activity would not involve the restoration of all utility line trenches to pre-project contours and conditions within 30 days following completion of construction activities.

17. For NWP 13 and 14: All bank stabilization activities shall involve either the sole use of native vegetation or other bioengineered design techniques (e.g. willow plantings, root wads, large woody debris, etc.), or a combination of hard-armoring (e.g. rip-rap) and native vegetation or bioengineered design techniques, unless specifically determined to be impracticable by the Corps. The permittee shall submit a PCN for any bank stabilization activity that involves hard-armoring or the placement of any non-vegetated or non-bioengineered technique below the ordinary high water mark or, if tidal waters, the high tide line of waters of the U.S. The request to utilize non-vegetated techniques must include information on why the sole use of vegetated techniques is not practicable.

18. For NWP 23: The permittee shall submit a PCN for all activities proposed for this NWP, in accordance with General Condition 31 and Regional Condition 1. The PCN shall include a copy of the signed Categorical Exclusion document and final agency determinations regarding compliance with ESA, EFH and NHPA, in accordance with General Conditions 18 and 20 and Regional Condition 7.

19. For NWP 27: The following applies:

a. Facilities for controlling stormwater runoff, construction of water parks such as kayak courses, and the use of grout or concrete to construct in-stream structures are not authorized;

b. For any stream restoration project, the post-project stream sinuosity shall be appropriate to the geomorphology of the surrounding area and shall be equal to, or greater than, pre-project sinuosity. Sinuosity is defined as the ratio of stream length to project reach length; and

c. Structures shall allow the passage of aquatic organisms, recreational water craft or other navigational activities unless specifically waived in writing by the Corps.

The permittee shall submit a PCN aquatic habitat restoration, establishment, and enhancement activities in the following circumstances:

a. The restoration, establishment or enhancement activity would result in a discharge of dredged and/or fill material into perennial waters, intermittent waters, wetlands, mudflats, vegetated shallows, riffle and pool complexes, sanctuaries and refuges or coral reefs;

b. The restoration, establishment or enhancement activity would result in a discharge of dredged and/or fill material into greater than 100 linear feet of ephemeral waters of the U.S; or

c. The activity would involve the use of in-stream structures exceeding 50 cubic yards per structure and/or incorporating grade control structures exceeding 1-foot vertical drop.

20. For NWPs 29 and 39: The channelization or relocation of intermittent or perennial drainages is not authorized, except when, as determined by the Corps, the relocation would result in a net increase in functions of the aquatic ecosystem within the watershed.

21.* Any requests to waive the 300 linear foot limitation for intermittent and ephemeral streams for NWPs 21, 29, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51 and 52, or to waive the 500 linear foot limitation along the bank for NWP 13, must include the following:

a. A narrative description of the stream. This should include known information on: volume and duration of flow; the approximate length, width, and depth of the waterbody and characteristics observed associated with an Ordinary High Water Mark (e.g. bed and bank, wrack line or scour marks); a description of the adjacent vegetation community and a statement regarding the wetland status of the adjacent areas (i.e. wetland, non-wetland); surrounding land use; water quality; issues related to cumulative impacts in the watershed, and; any other relevant information;

b. An analysis of the proposed impacts to the waterbody, in accordance with General Condition 31 and Regional Condition 1;

c. Measures taken to avoid and minimize losses to waters of the U.S., including other methods of constructing the proposed activity(s); and

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d. A compensatory mitigation plan describing how the unavoidable losses are proposed to be offset, in accordance with 33 CFR 332.

22. For NWPs 29, 39, 40, 42, and 43: The permittee shall establish and maintain upland vegetated buffers in perpetuity, unless specifically determined to be impracticable by the Corps, next to all preserved open waters, streams and wetlands including created, restored, enhanced or preserved waters of the U.S., consistent with General Condition 23(f). Except in unusual circumstances, as determined by the Corps, vegetated buffers shall be at least 50 feet in width.

23. For NWP 46: The discharge shall not cause the loss of greater than 0.5 acres of waters of the United States or the loss of more than 300 linear feet of ditch, unless specifically waived in writing by the Corps.

24. All NWPs except 3, 6, 20, 27, 32, and 38 are revoked for activities in histosols, fens, bogs and peatlands and in wetlands contiguous with fens. Fens are defined as slope wetlands with a histic epipedon that are hydrologically supported by groundwater. Fens are normally saturated throughout the growing season, although they may not be during drought conditions. For NWPs 3, 6, 20, 27, 32, and 38, the permittee shall submit a PCN to the Corps in accordance with General Condition 31 and Regional Condition 1. This condition does not apply to NWPs 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 24, 28, 35 or 36, as these NWPs either apply to Section 10 only activities or do not authorize impacts to special aquatic sites.