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Central Valley RWQCB	1	1	For more information on the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins, please visit our website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/	General	Information regarding Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plans is referenced in section 3.10 of the DEIR.
Central Valley RWQCB	1	2	All wastewater discharges must comply with the Antidegradation Policy (State Water Board Resolution 68-16) and the Antidegradation Implementation Policy contained in the Basin Plan. The Antidegradation Implementation Policy is available on page 74 at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/sacsjr_201805.pdf In part it states: Any discharge of waste to high quality waters must apply best practicable treatment or control not only to prevent a condition of pollution or nuisance from occurring, but also to maintain the highest water quality possible consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State. This information must be presented as an analysis of the impacts and potential impacts of the discharge on water quality, as measured by background concentrations and applicable water quality objectives. The antidegradation analysis is a mandatory element in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and land discharge Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) permitting processes. The environmental review document should evaluate potential impacts to both surface and groundwater quality.	Water Quality	Information regarding wastewater discharges is can be found in section 3.10 of the EIR. The project will comply with all wastewater policies and orders adopted by the State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards.
Central Valley RWQCB	1	3	Dischargers whose project disturb one or more acres of soil or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities (Construction General Permit), Construction General Permit Order No. 2009-009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading, grubbing, disturbances to the ground, such as stockpiling, or excavation, but does not include regular maintenance activities performed to restore the original line, grade, or capacity of the facility. The Construction General Permit requires the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). For more information on the Construction General Permit, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml	Permitting	Please refer to section 3.10 of the DEIR and mitigation measure HWQ-1. As required by the County, a grading permit application shall be prepared and submitted to the County for review and approval prior to initiation of any earthwork at the site. The grading permit application shall include measures to control storm water drainage from the site and to minimize the potential for sediment discharges from the site. In addition, the applicant shall prepare a SWPPP designed to reduce potential impacts on surface water quality during construction.

Central Valley RWQCB	1	4	Storm water discharges associated with industrial sites must comply with the regulations contained in the Industrial Storm Water General Permit Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ. For more information on the Industrial Storm Water General Permit, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/industrial_general_permits/index.shtml	Permitting	<i>Please refer to section 3.10 of the DEIR for information about stormwater discharges. The Project will comply with all relevant permitting requirements.</i>
Central Valley RWQCB	1	5	If the project will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material in navigable waters or wetlands, a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act may be needed from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). If a Section 404 permit is required by the USACE, the Central Valley Water Board will review the permit application to ensure that discharge will not violate water quality standards. If the project requires surface water drainage realignment, the applicant is advised to contact the Department of Fish and Game for information on Streambed Alteration Permit requirements. If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water Act Section 404 permits, please contact the Regulatory Division of the Sacramento District of USACE at (916) 557-5250.	Permitting	<i>Please refer to section 3.10 of the DEIR for information about stormwater discharges. All Project area storm water runoff would be diverted and contained onsite in catchment basins, thereby preventing any offsite discharges. Impacts to jurisdiction waters are addressed in section 3.5 of the DEIR.</i>
Central Valley RWQCB	1	6	If an USACE permit (e.g., Non-Reporting Nationwide Permit, Nationwide Permit, Letter of Permission, Individual Permit, Regional General Permit, Programmatic General Permit), or any other federal permit (e.g., Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act or Section 9 from the United States Coast Guard), is required for this project due to the disturbance of waters of the United States (such as streams and wetlands), then a Water Quality Certification must be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board prior to initiation of project activities. There are no waivers for 401 Water Quality Certifications. For more information on the Water Quality Certification, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/water_quality_certification/	Permitting	<i>Please refer to section 3.10 of the DEIR for information about stormwater discharges. All Project area storm water runoff would be diverted and contained onsite in catchment basins, thereby preventing any offsite discharges.</i>
Central Valley RWQCB	1	7	If USACE determines that only non-jurisdictional waters of the State (i.e., "nonfederal" waters of the State) are present in the proposed project area, the proposed project may require a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit to be issued by Central Valley Water Board. Under the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, discharges to all waters of the State, including all wetlands and other waters of the State including, but not limited to, isolated wetlands, are subject to State regulation. For more information on the Waste Discharges to Surface Water NPDES Program and WDR processes, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_surface_water/ Projects involving excavation or fill activities impacting less than 0.2 acre or 400 linear feet of non-jurisdictional waters of the state and projects involving dredging activities impacting less than 50 cubic yards of non-jurisdictional waters of the state may be eligible for coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ (General Order 2004-0004). For more information on the General Order 2004-0004, visit the State Water Resources Control Board website at: https://www.waterboards.ca .	Permitting	<i>Please refer to section 3.10 of the DEIR for information about waste discharges and stormwater discharges. Stormwater runoff will be managed through careful facility design and operation in accordance with A Water Management Plan would be prepared and provided to the RWQCB for review and approval. Further WDRs are identified and acknowledged on pages 3.5-5, 3.5-6, 3.10-2, and 3.10-3 of the DEIR, as well as Table 2.3-1.</i>

Central Valley RWQCB	1	8	<p>If the proposed project includes construction or groundwater dewatering to be discharged to land, the proponent may apply for coverage under State Water Board General Water Quality Order (Low Risk General Order) 2003-0003 or the Central Valley Water Board's Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements (Low Risk Waiver) R5-2013-0145. Small temporary construction dewatering projects are projects that discharge groundwater to land from excavation activities or dewatering of underground utility vaults. Dischargers seeking coverage under the General Order or Waiver must file a Notice of Intent with the Central Valley Water Board prior to beginning discharge. For more information regarding the Low Risk General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0003.pdf</p> <p>For more information regarding the Low Risk Waiver and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/waivers/r5-2013-0145_res.pdf</p>	Permitting	<p><i>Please refer to section 3.10 of the DEIR for information about impacts to groundwater resources. As explained in impact HWQ-4, groundwater resources would not be depleted.</i></p>
Central Valley RWQCB	1	9	<p>If the proposed project includes construction dewatering and it is necessary to discharge the groundwater to waters of the United States, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Dewatering discharges are typically considered a low or limited threat to water quality and may be covered under the General Order for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water (Limited Threat General Order). A complete Notice of Intent must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board to obtain coverage under the Limited Threat General Order. For more information regarding the Limited Threat General Order and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2016-0076-01.pdf</p>	Permitting	<p><i>Please refer to section 3.10 of the DEIR for information about impacts to groundwater resources.</i></p>
Central Valley RWQCB	1	10	<p>If the proposed project discharges waste that could affect the quality of surface waters of the State, other than into a community sewer system, the proposed project will require coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. A complete Report of Waste Discharge must be submitted with the Central Valley Water Board to obtain a NPDES Permit. For more information regarding the NPDES Permit and the application process, visit the Central Valley Water Board website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/help/permit/</p>	Permitting	<p><i>The NPDES permit program is discussed on pages 3.8-2 and 3.10-3 of the DEIR. and on pages 3.8-9 and 3.10-8 the DEIR confirms that the applicant would seek coverage for construction activities under the NPDES Construction General Permit. Please refer to section 3.10 of the DEIR for information about stormwater discharges. All Project area storm water runoff would be diverted and contained onsite in catchment basins, thereby preventing any offsite discharges.</i></p>