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Project Title: aste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges Related to Certain Activities Conducted by

Lead Agency: Central Valley Water Quality Control Board

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Project Location: All Counties within the Central Valley Water Board's region.

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Central Valley Water Board intends to establish the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for NPS Discharges Related to Certain Activities Conducted by the USFS and BLM on Federal Lands (Proposed Project or Federal NPS Permit). This permit would regulate NPS discharges from federal lands related to the following activities conducted by the USFS and BLM: vegetation management, transportation management, recreation facilities management, post-emergency recovery, restoration activities, and emergency response activities². As described further below, the proposed Federal NPS Permit would include requirements for best management practice (BMP) implementation and effectiveness monitoring; actively addressing Controllable Sediment Discharge Sources (CSDS), and conditions for post-fire management and reforestation planning.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Many of the best management practices required under the proposed permit are expected to benefit special-status aquatic species in the long-term, by reducing erosion and sediment input resulting from implementation of USFS and BLM projects, however, some could have adverse effects to aquatic or other special-status species and habitats in the short-term during construction.

To address potential impacts to California special-status species, as defined and listed in Section 3.4.3 and Appendix D, and sensitive vegetation communities within riparian habitat, waterways, or wetlands, USFS and BLM must complete a desktop analysis of all such areas where management measures will be implemented prior to implementation of any management measure(s). Where construction/installation of management measures could result in impacts to such species and habitat, USFS and BLM must consult a qualified biologist⁸ and use the least impactful effective management measure (based on the recommendation of the biologist), to avoid or minimize impacts. Where implementation of management measures cannot be achieved without incurring potentially significant effects to such species and habitat, USFS and BLM must implement measures to reduce those effects to levels that are less than significant

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

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Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Air Resources Board | Boating and Waterways, Department of | Central Valley Flood Protection Board | Conservation, Department of | Emergency Services, Office of | Fish and Wildlife (Headquarters), Habitat Conservation Planning Branch - Sacramento | Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | General Services, Department of | Historic Preservation, Office of | Native American Heritage Commission, California | Natural Resources Agency, California | Parks and Recreation, Department of | Pesticide Regulation, Department of | Public Utilities Commission, California | San Joaquin River Conservancy | Sierra Nevada Conservancy | State Water Resources Control Board | SWRCB, Division of Water Quality | Toxic Substances Control, Department of | Water Resources, Department of