



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

March 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Nationwide Permit (NWP) Verification

County of San Luis Obispo Public Works
Attn: John Waddell
976 Osos St. Ste 207
San Luis Obispo, California 93408-1002
pw.env.permits@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Mr. Waddell:

I am responding to your request dated March 31, 2025, for a Department of the Army (DA) permit for your proposed project, North Section of Bob Jones Trail: Octagon Barn to Cloverridge Lane (File No. SPL-2025-00270). The proposed project is located immediately south of the South Higuera Street Bridge, in the City of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, California (Latitude 35.231105°, Longitude -120.690326°).

Because this project would result in a discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S., a Department of the Army permit is required pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344; 33 CFR parts 323 and 330).

I have determined construction of your proposed project, if constructed as described in your application, would comply with NWP 14 *Linear Transportation Projects*. Specifically, and as shown in the enclosed plans, you are authorized to temporarily impact 0.006 acre of waters of the U.S. to facilitate the construction of a new pedestrian bridge over San Luis Obispo Creek.

For this NWP verification letter to be valid, you must comply with all of the terms and conditions in Enclosure 2. Furthermore, you must comply with the non-discretionary Special Conditions listed below:

1. Within 30 days of completion of the authorized work, you must sign and return the enclosed Certificate of Compliance (in accordance with General Condition 30).
2. The Permittee shall comply with the terms and conditions of the enclosed Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) No. 34024WQ07 dated October 2, 2025.

This verification is valid through March 15, 2031. If on March 15, 2031, you have commenced or are under contract to commence the permitted activity you will have an additional twelve (12) months to complete the activity under the present NWP terms and

conditions. However, if I discover noncompliance or unauthorized activities associated with the permitted activity I may request the use of discretionary authority in accordance with procedures in 33 CFR part 330.4(e) and 33 CFR part 330.5(c) or (d) to modify, suspend, or revoke this specific verification at an earlier date. Additionally, at the national level the Chief of Engineers, any time prior to March 15, 2031, may choose to modify, suspend, or revoke the nationwide use of a NWP after following procedures set forth in 33 CFR part 330.5. It is incumbent upon you to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this NWP verification and to remain informed of any change to the NWPs.

A NWP does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges. Additionally, it does not authorize any injury to the property, rights of others, nor does it authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project. Furthermore, it does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, state, or local authorizations required by law.

Thank you for participating in our regulatory program. If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Link at 916-798-6056 or via email at christopher.m.link@usace.army.mil. Please help me to evaluate and improve the regulatory experience for others by completing the customer survey form at <https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>.

Sincerely,



L. Kasey Sirkin
TREC Team Lead
South Pacific Division

Enclosures

cc: (w/ encls)

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<p>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)</p> <p>CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT</p> <p>For use of this form, see Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act; the proponent agency is CECW-COR.</p>	<p><i>Form Approved -</i></p> <p>OMB No. 0710-0003</p> <p>Expires 2027-10-31</p>
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The Agency Disclosure Notice (ADN)

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PURPOSE: This form is used by recipients of U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Regulatory permits to certify compliance with the permit terms and conditions.

Your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit, you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification and return it to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Office. Link to fillable form:
https://www.publications.usace.army.mil/Portals/76/Eng_Form_6285_2024%20Dec%20FINAL.pdf

The certification can be submitted by email at christopher.m.link@usace.army.mil or CESPL-REG@usace.army.mil

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification and return it to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Office. (Please do not send hard copies unless coordinated with the Corps Project Manager).

Corps Action Number:	SPL-2025-00270
Permit Type:	NWP 14 Linear Transportation Projects
General Permit Number and Name (if applicable):	NWP 14 Linear Transportation Projects
Name of Permittee:	John Waddell, County of San Luis Obispo Public Works
Project Name:	North Section of Bob Jones Trail: Octagon Barn to Cloverridge Lane
Project Location (physical address):	Immediately south of the South Higuera Street Bridge, in the City of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, California (Latitude 35.231105°, Longitude -120.690326°).

PERMITTEE'S CERTIFICATION

Date Work Started: _____

Date Work Completed: _____

Enclose photographs showing the completed project (if available).

I _____ hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit has been completed in accordance with all of the permit terms and conditions, and that any required compensatory mitigation has been completed in accordance with the permit conditions.

Name	Date	Signature
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