Regulatory Agency Emergency Permitting Process for Private Bridge Replacements or Repairs

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)

Is the Project placing fill below the Ordinary High Water of a Waters of the U.S.?

- No → No further consultation
- Yes → Contact Corps staff to determine if your project can be authorized as a "maintenance" project (NWP 3) or an "emergency" project (RGP 5)

Could the project potentially affect federally listed species?

- No → No additional federal ESA consultation needed
- Yes → Corps will initiate Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service or US Fish and Wildlife Service

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Will the project cause any disturbance within the channel bed or banks of a stream?

- No → No further action necessary
- Yes → Emergency Section 1600 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) Required

Yes

Does Project have potential to affect CA Listed Species (e.g. Coho salmon, Foothill yellow-legged Frog, CA freshwater shrimp)?

- No → Only Emergency 1600 LSAA Needed
- Yes → File letter with the Office of Emergency Services to request suspension of CDFW regulations under the Governor's Emergency Proclamation. Coordinate with CDFW staff on best management practices (BMPs).

CA Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

Does the project have the potential to impact a water of the U.S. or the state?

- No → No further action necessary
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- No → Contact RWQCB to get a waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements or 401 Certification
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- Yes → Fill out RWQCB Emergency Project Application Form & submit to RWQCB within 48 hours of starting project

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