



**Public Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification for the
County of Orange Ocean Outlets Maintenance Program**

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program
Date Posted: March 22, 2023

Affected Counties: Orange

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Water Quality Certification Program.

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff are proposing to regulate this Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. **Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this notice (March 22, 2023) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (April 12, 2023).** To submit comments, or if you have questions, please contact the State Water Board staff person listed below.

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.

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Project Name: Ocean Outlets Maintenance Program

(Reg. Meas. ID: 451916 and SWRCB ID: SB23016IN)

Background: On March 7, 2023, the Orange County Department of Public Works (OCPW) submitted an application for Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for the Ocean Outlets Maintenance Program (Project).

Project Description: The purpose of proposed activities is to perform site-specific, routine, maintenance operations at Talbert Outlet in Huntington Beach; Santa Ana River (SAR) Outlet in Newport Beach and Huntington Beach; Salt Creek Outlet in Dana Point; Estrella storm channel outlet in Dana Point; and Segunda Deschecha Canãda outlet in San Clemente.

The Project application reports impacts to waters of the United States, as shown in Table 1. Temporarily impacted areas would be restored to pre-project condition once the Project is complete.

On May 22, 2012, the County of Orange, acting as lead agency under CEQA, filed a Notice of Determination with the Orange County Clerk (Official Proceedings Record no. 201285000517). Subsequent Notices of Determination from other agencies including the State Water Board were submitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH), which assigned SCH No. 2012011009 to the Project.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Impacts to Waters of the United States

Aquatic Resource type	Ocean/Bay/Estuary
Acres of temporary impact	8.43
Cubic yards of temporary impact	49,8000

A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the State Water Board for the Ocean Outlets Maintenance Program in response to this application.

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Date of Application Submittal: March 7, 2023

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Board

has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

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