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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **Public Notice of Water Quality Certification Application for Riverside County Regional General Permit (RGP) 99 Project**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
Water Quality Certification Program  
**Date Posted: February 6, 2024**

**Affected Counties: Riverside**

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 date after issuance of this notice (February 6, 2024) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (February 27, 2024).** 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: Flood Control Facilities Maintenance Program, RGP-99**

(Reg. Meas. ID: 455582 and SWRCB ID: SB24005GN)

**Background:** On November 13, 2023, Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District submitted an application for Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for the Flood Control Facilities Maintenance Program, RGP-99 Project (Project).

**Project Description:** Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) proposes to renew the Flood Control Facilities Maintenance Program, currently authorized under Regional General Permit (RGP) 99. The overall purpose of the District's Flood Control Facilities Maintenance Program (RGP 99) is to maintain the designed capacity/ lines and grades of existing flood control facilities within District's rights-of-way.

The Project application reports no permanent impacts to waters of the state, including waters of the U.S. Temporarily impacted areas would be restored to pre-project condition once the Project is complete.

Riverside County is the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Riverside County prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project, which has been filed at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research [CEQAnet Web Portal](https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/) (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>) under State Clearinghouse (SCH) # 2017021032. An addendum addressing 15 facilities to be added to the renewal of RGP 99 is in development.

**A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the State Water Board for the Flood Control Facilities Maintenance Program, RGP-99 Project in response to this application.**

**Applicant: Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District**

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**Date of Application Submittal: November 13, 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 U.S. 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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[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/index.shtml)

By enrolling in this list, you will receive notices for all current 401 applications, including the Project announced in this notice. You will need a valid e-mail address to use this service. If you do not have internet access or do not wish to participate in the email notification service, contact the staff person named in the notice to express your interest in receiving notices by other means. You can enroll or un-enroll at any time.