
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Mr. Jon Shumaker
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
No. 7007 2560 0001 7889 6965

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED SPRING CANYON VTTM 48086 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (Corps' Project No. 2004-00004-AOA), SPRING AND TAPIE CANYONS, TRIBUTARIES TO THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, UNINCORPORATED PORTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (File No. 11-055)

Dear Mr. Shumaker:

We are in receipt of your request dated on June 29, 2016, requesting an amendment of your Conditional Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the subject project issued on September 30, 2011 (Certification 11-055).

Spring Canyon Recovery Acquisition, LLC (Applicant) is requesting to extend the expiration date of the Certification 11-055 in order to be consistent with the expiration of the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) 404 permit which expires on December 9, 2020.

Board staff has reviewed the Certification and the reporting required by the Certification and find that the project planned is unchanged and the conditions of the Certification continue to be appropriate. In addition, a 184 acre Violin Canyon site has been conveyed to the Mountains Restoration and Conservation Authority and at least 18.29 acres of streambed in the Violin Canyon site has been enhanced by removal of non-native vegetation. The required compensatory mitigation includes 5.39 acres of Riversidean alluvial fan sage scrub that will be planted within Spring and Tapie Canyons concurrently with the project.

Certification 11-055 is hereby extended until the expiration date of the ACOE 404 permit. All conditions and requirements of the Certification shall remain in effect.

In response to your request, the Certification is modified as shown below. Under Attachment B, Item 35, Conditions of the Certification, will read:

35. This Certification shall expire upon expiration of the Army Corps of Engineers' Clean Water Act Section 404 permit No. 2004-00004-AOA on December 9, 2020.

I have determined that the above-proposed modifications do not constitute a significant change in the nature or scope of the activities described for the project in your original application.

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Therefore, all of the proposed modifications are hereby incorporated into 401 Certification No. 11-055 and no additional action by this agency pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act is necessary. This determination is limited to the proposed modifications contained in your notification to this Regional Board dated June 29, 2016 and described herein, and does not eliminate the Applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this certification action, please contact Valerie Carrillo Zara, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-6759.

Sincerely,


Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

Oct. 19, 2016
Date

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