



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 532711
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90053-2325

February 11, 2013

Office of the Commander
and District Engineer

Mr. Samuel Unger
Executive Officer
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 W 4th St, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013

Dear Mr. Unger:

Reference is made to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's Investigative Order R4-2013-0001 dated January 10, 2013. The Investigative Order concerns vegetation management work performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) within a 48-acre area south of Burbank Boulevard at the Sepulveda Dam Basin during December 2012.

The Corps operates and maintains the 48-acre project area for flood risk management purposes, and initiated Phase I of a three-phase vegetation management project in the area to facilitate visual inspection of the dam and to facilitate access to the structure. As contemplated, the project would establish habitat that would be sustainable and compatible with flood risk management operations. The project also minimizes safety risks associated with unauthorized uses and activities within the area. In general, the project was designed to avoid discharges of fill into water of the United States and minimize impacts to the aquatic environment. Work began on December 10, 2012 and was temporarily suspended on December 28, 2012 to engage concerned stakeholders.

Enclosed for your review is our response to the Investigative Order which further details the work performed and characterizes the aquatic resources on site.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jodi Clifford at (213) 452-3840 or Mr. Kenneth Wong at (213) 452-3867.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Mark Toy", is positioned above the typed name and title.

R. Mark Toy, P.E.
Colonel, US Army
Commander and District Engineer

Enclosure