



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS CERTIFICATION FOR HIGHLAND COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL, CITY OF HIGHLAND, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY (ACOE REFERENCE NO. 2008 – 640 – SLP)**

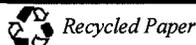
Dear Mr. Reck:

On February 11, 2008, we received an application for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Standards Certification ("Certification"), submitted on your behalf by Thatcher Engineering & Associates, Inc., for the proposed Highland Community Day School in the City of Highland. On September 10, 2008, we received an amended design for the proposed structural treatment controls. This letter responds to your request for certification that the proposed project, described in your application and summarized below, will comply with State water quality standards outlined in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (1995) and subsequent Basin Plan amendments ("Basin Plan"):

**Project Description:** Construction of a 270-student community day school. The school will consist of three separate buildings: administration, classroom, and multi-purpose. The school would also include two parking lots, play fields, and a student drop-off loop. The project is located on Baseline Avenue, approximately 2,060 feet west of Victoria Avenue, within Section 5 of Township 1 North, Range 3 West, of the U.S. Geological Survey *Redlands, California*, 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle map (34 deg. 07 min. 18 sec. N / - 117 deg. 13 min. 50 sec. W).

**Receiving water:** Warm Creek Flood Control Channel.

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Fill area: 0.03 acres of permanent impact to a flood control channel (70 linear feet).

Dredge/Fill volume: N/A

Federal permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Nos. 7 and 33.

You have proposed to mitigate water quality impacts as described in your Certification application and subsequent submittals. The proposed mitigation is summarized below:

**Onsite Water Quality Standards Mitigation Proposed:**

- Nuisance flow and 'first-flush' discharges from the school site will be pumped from the storm drain system to the surface and treated in an extended detention basin constructed in the play field.
- Additional site-specific best management practices ("BMPs") are specified in the site's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP").

**Offsite Water Quality Standards Mitigation Proposed:**

- No off-site water quality standards mitigation is proposed.

Should the proposed project impact state- or federally-listed endangered species or their habitat, implementation of measures identified in consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game will ensure those impacts are mitigated to an acceptable level. Appropriate Best Management Practices will be implemented to reduce construction-related impacts to Waters of the State. This project is over one acre. Therefore, coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board's General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, Water Quality Order 99-08 DWQ, is required, as is development of a SWPPP, to control the discharge of pollutants from the project site.

You have applied for a Nationwide Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. You have applied for a Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Highland Community Day School on October 3, 2005. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15096, subdivision (f), the Regional Board must consider the environmental effects of the project as shown in the associated negative declaration prior to reaching a decision on the project. The Regional Board has considered the

Superintendent's Mitigated Negative Declaration in the issuance of this Certification and finds that changes or alterations have been required, or incorporated into the proposed project, which avoid or mitigate impacts to water quality to a less than significant level.

**This 401 Certification is contingent upon the execution of the following conditions:**

1. This Certification is conditioned upon the construction of all storm water treatment facilities as proposed. All structural storm water treatment facilities must be constructed and operational prior to the occupancy of any structure.
2. Regional Board staff and other authorized representatives shall be allowed:
  - a. Entry upon premises where storm water treatment facilities are located, or where records are kept under the requirements of this Certification and applicable waste discharge requirements;
  - b. Access to copy any records that are kept under the requirements of this Certification and applicable waste discharge requirements;
  - c. To inspect any facility, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations related to the treatment of storm water runoff from the project site; and
  - d. To photograph, sample and monitor for the purpose of assuring compliance with this Certification and applicable waste discharge requirements.
3. This Certification and any subsequent amendments must be maintained on site as a denoted element of any project SWPPP.
4. This Certification is transferable only upon written notice to the Executive Officer. The notice must include written acknowledgement of this Certification by the transferee's authorized representative.

**Under California Water Code, Section 1058, and Pursuant to 23 CCR §3860, the following shall be included as conditions of all water quality certification actions:**

- (a) Every certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Section §13330 of the Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with Section 3867) of this Chapter.
- (b) Certification is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a FERC license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to Subsection §3855(b) of this Chapter and that application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.

- (c) Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under this Chapter and owed by the applicant.

If the above stated conditions are changed, any of the criteria or conditions as previously described are not met, or new information becomes available that indicates a water quality problem, the Regional Board may require the applicant to submit a report of waste discharge and obtain Waste Discharge Requirements.

In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this certification, the holder of any permit or license subject to this certification shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process or sanctions as provided for under state law. For purposes of section 401(d) of the Clean Water Act, the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, process or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this certification. Violations of the conditions of this certification may subject the applicant to civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13350 and/or 13385.

This letter constitutes a Water Quality Standards Certification issued pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 401. I hereby issue an order certifying that any discharge from the referenced project will comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards) of the Clean Water Act, and with other applicable requirements of State law. This discharge is also regulated under State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ (Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ), "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredge and Fill Discharges That Have Received Water Quality Certification" which requires compliance with all conditions of this Water Quality Standards Certification. Order No. 200-0017-DWQ is available at:  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/water\\_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0017.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0017.pdf)

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Should there be any questions, please contact Adam Fischer at (951) 320-6363, or Mark Adelson at (951) 782-3234.

Sincerely,



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