
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS
CERTIFICATION FOR CITRUS HEIGHTS PROJECT, GAVILAN HILLS, RIVERSIDE
COUNTY (ACOE CORPS FILE NO. SPL-2005-01112-SJH) (SARWQCB PROJECT
NO. 332014-07)**

Dear Mr. White,

On May 15, 2014, we received an application for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Standards Certification ("Certification") from CV Inland Investments 1, LP for a residential development project on Tract 36390, in the Gavilan Hills area of Riverside County. The project proposes 345 residential dwellings, open space, related infrastructure improvements, and associated roadway construction of Fairway Drive. The applicant has also submitted a filing fee of \$1,097.00, which satisfies this project's fee requirement for consideration of a 401 Certification. This fee amount was determined using the Dredge and Fill Fee Calculator on the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) web site, which is based on the iteration of California Code of Regulations, Division 3, Chapter 9, Article 1, section 2200 (a) (3) in effect when the application was submitted. 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) (Basin Plan) and subsequent Basin Plan amendments:

Project Description: The Citrus Heights project is being proposed in lieu of a previous project known as the "Lake Mathews Golf and Country Club" (Tract 30153) (Specific Plan (SP) No. 325) for which Regional Board Certification No. 332005-25, was issued on March 28, 2006. The currently proposed Citrus Heights project differs from the previously certified Lake Mathews Golf and Country Club project in the following respects:

- The grading footprint proposed for Citrus Heights (approximately 207.6 acres) is less than what was approved by SP 325 (approximately 254.7 acres), a reduction of 47.1 acres;
- The 119.1-acre golf course and 3.5-acre golf course clubhouse has been eliminated from the plan;
- Areas planned for open space increase from 85.2 acres to 162.4 acres;
- Areas planned for parks increase from 2.5 acres to 7.0 acres;
- Areas planned for drainage facilities and detention basins increase from zero (0) acres to 2.9 acres;
- Areas planned for single-family residential development increase from 98.4 acres to 135.5 acres, and the total number of homes approved increases from 295, in SP 325, to 345, resulting in an increase in gross project density from 0.9 dwelling units per acres (du/ac) to approximately 1.0 du/ac; and,
- Areas reserved for major roadways increase from 23.9 acres to 25.9 acres.

The project will take place within Section 29 of Township 3 South, Range 5 West, SBB&M, as shown on the U.S. Geological Survey *Lake Mathews* and *Riverside West* 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle maps (33.878938° N/ - 117.430337° W).

Receiving water: Unnamed ephemeral drainages tributary to Santa Ana River, and the Prado Basin Management Zone, which have present or potential beneficial uses, including: agricultural supply (AGR), ground water recharge(GWR), water contact recreation (REC1), non-contact water recreation (REC2), warm freshwater habitat (WARM), wildlife habitat (WILD), and rare, threatened, or endangered species (RARE)

Fill area:

	AREA	LENGTH
Permanent Impact to Wetland Habitat	0.06 acre	N/A
Permanent Impact to Streambed Habitat	0.48 acre	12,852 linear feet

Dredge/Fill volume: 2,000 cubic yards

Federal permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Individual Permit No. SPL-2005-01112-SJH

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

Onsite Water Quality Standards Mitigation Proposed:

- Standard water quality related best management practices (BMPs) will be employed during construction activities.

Offsite Water Quality Standards Mitigation Proposed:

- The applicant has contracted to purchase 8.20 acres of riparian/wetland mitigation credits from the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District's In Lieu Fee Program.

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 Wildlife will ensure those impacts are mitigated to an acceptable level. Appropriate BMPs will be implemented to reduce construction-related impacts to Waters of the State.

This Water Quality Certification is subject to the acquisition of all local, regional, state, and federal permits and approvals as required by law. Failure to meet any conditions contained herein, or any conditions contained in any other permit or approval for this project issued by the State of California, or any subdivision thereof, may result in appropriate enforcement action, including imposition of administrative civil liability.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15096, as a responsible agency, the Regional Board is required to consider an environmental impact report (EIR) or Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency in determining whether to approve a project. A responsible agency has responsibility for mitigating and avoiding only the direct and indirect environmental effects of those parts of the project which it decides to carry out, finance, or approve. Further, the responsible agency must make findings as required by Sections 15091 and, if necessary, 15093, for each and every significant impact of the project.

The EIR for this project's predecessor, "Lake Mathews Golf and Country Club" (original project) was certified by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on December 21, 2004. An addendum to the EIR for the original project was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 27, 2013.

As required by Section 15096, the Regional Board has considered the project's amended EIR and information provided subsequently in the applicant's application, in approving this Certification. More specifically, the Regional Board has considered those sections of the amended EIR relating to water quality. Based on the mitigation proposed in the amended EIR, and the conditions set forth in this Certification, impacts to water quality will be reduced to a less than significant level and beneficial uses will be protected. The Regional Board independently finds that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into the 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) The applicant must comply with the requirements of the applicable Clean Water Act section 404 permit.
- 2) Proposed mitigation shall be timely implemented. Materials documenting the purchase of necessary mitigation credits shall be provided to this office prior to the discharge of fill to, or the dredging or excavation of material from, waters of the state.
- 3) All materials generated from construction activities associated with this project shall be managed appropriately. This shall include identifying all potential pollution sources within the scope of work of this project, and incorporating all necessary pollution prevention BMPs as they relate to each potential pollution source identified.
- 4) The project proponent shall utilize BMPs during project construction to minimize the controllable discharges of sediment and other wastes to drainage systems or other waters of the state and of the United States.
- 5) Substances resulting from project-related activities that could be harmful to aquatic life, including, but not limited to, petroleum lubricants and fuels, cured and uncured cements, epoxies, paints and other protective coating materials, portland cement concrete or asphalt concrete, and washings and cuttings thereof, shall not be discharged to soils or waters of the state. All waste concrete shall be removed.
- 6) Motorized equipment shall not be maintained or parked within or near any stream crossing, channel or lake margin in such a manner that petroleum products or other pollutants from the equipment may enter these areas under any flow conditions. Vehicles shall not be driven or equipment operated in waters of the state on-site, except as necessary to complete the proposed project. No equipment shall be operated in areas of flowing water.

- 7) This Water Quality Certification is subject to the acquisition of all local, regional, state, and federal permits and approvals as required by law. Failure to meet any conditions contained herein or any the conditions contained in any other permit or approval issued by the State of California or any subdivision thereof may result in the revocation of this Certification and civil or criminal liability.
- 8) A copy of this Certification and any subsequent amendments must be maintained on site for the duration of work as a denoted element of any project SWPPP or WQMP.
- 9) Best management practices to stabilize disturbed soils must include the use of native plant species whenever feasible.
- 10) Applicant shall ensure all procedures and policies specified within the project's WQMP adequately address any hydraulic conditions of concern generated during and as a result of this project.
- 11) Construction de-watering discharges, including temporary stream diversions necessary for project construction, may be regulated under Regional Board Order No. R8-2009-0003, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Surface Waters that Pose an Insignificant (De Minimus) Threat to Water Quality. For more information, please review Order No. R8-2009-0003 at www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/
- 12) Applicant shall ensure that all fees associated with this project shall be paid to each respective agency prior to conducting any on-site construction activities.
- 13) Prior to any grading for the project in areas where wetland or riparian habitat is present and where these resources are slated to be impacted, functional assessments of these resources shall be conducted. Functional assessments of proposed wetland and riparian habitat mitigation sites shall also be conducted. The California Rapid Assessment Method, February 2012, shall be used for these assessments. Mitigation site assessments shall be conducted from October through December, until success criteria are met for consecutive years. This information shall be reported to <http://www.californiawetlands.net/tracker/>

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.

Regional Board Certification No. 332005-25, issued on March 28, 2006, to Lake Mathews Venture, LLC, for Tract 30153, is withdrawn. 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 certify 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. 2003-0017-DWQ is available at: www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo_2003-0017.pdf

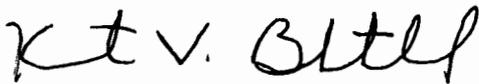
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Should there be any questions, please contact Marc Brown at (951) 321-4584, or Mark Adelson at (951) 782-3234.

Sincerely,



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