



Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**REVISED CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS
CERTIFICATION FOR THE FOUR SEASONS AT BEAUMONT PHASE 2D PROJECT,
BEAUMONT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY (ACOE CORPS FILE NO. PENDING)
(SARWQCB PROJECT NO. 332014-22)**

Dear Mr. Devlin,

We received your recent requests to revise the April 21, 2015 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Standards Certification (Certification) for the subject project. We have considered your request, and have revised the Certification accordingly. Revisions are shown by striking out removed text, and underlining added text. Text that is neither stricken nor underlined remains unchanged. This amended Certification replaces the Certification for this project dated April 21, 2015.

On October 6, 2014, we received an application for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Standards Certification ("Certification") from K. Hovnanian Companies, Inc. for a residential development project in the city of Beaumont, Riverside County. The proposed project will consist of the construction of a phase of single-family residential tract. On October 6, 2014, the applicant submitted a filing fee deposit of \$1,097.00. On February 2, 2015, the applicant submitted an additional check for \$2,483.00, which satisfies the fee requirement of \$3,580 for the consideration of a 401 Certification. This fee amount was determined using the Dredge and Fill Fee Calculator on the 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 project consists of the development of a 54.46 acre parcel into 168 single family residential units. Additionally, 689,300 cubic yards of fill material will be imported from a mass grading of uplands from an adjacent parcel of land. Impacts to waters of the United States include the completion of an existing water quality basin, which was partially constructed during a prior phase of the project, and the construction of a 120 foot long and 18 inch road crossing/culvert to allow access to the residential units. A water quality certification was previously issued for the Four Seasons at Beaumont Project on August 5, 2004 and an amendment to the original certification was issued on July 11, 2006. The original certification and amendment included the Project Area; however, the drainage feature impacted in the proposed project was determined at the time to not contain a defined bed, bank, channel, or high water mark and therefore was determined to not be jurisdictional waters of the United States. As part of the construction of previous phases of the Four Seasons development, storm water flows were directed to the proposed project area, which subsequently established a defined bed, bank, channel and ordinary high water mark, making this feature now jurisdictional waters of the United States.

The work will take place within Section 14 of Township 3 South, Range 1 West, of the U.S. Geological Survey *Beaumont* 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle maps (33.906149° N/ -116. 949358° W).

Receiving water: Unnamed ephemeral drainage to Potrero Creek, the intermittent beneficial uses of which include: agricultural supply (AGR), groundwater recharge (GWR), rare/threatened/endangered species (RARE), municipal and domestic supply (MUN), water contact recreation (REC1), non-contact water recreation (REC2), warm freshwater habitat (WARM), and wildlife habitat (WILD).

Fill area:

Permanent Impact to Streambed Habitat	0.01 acre	228 linear feet
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Dredge/Fill volume: N/A

Federal permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permits Nationwide No. 14 and 43 (applied for).

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 Project Applicant will mitigate 0.01 acres of permanent impacts through the purchase of 0.06 acres of mitigation credit (6:1 ratio) in the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) 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 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.

As required by Section 15096, the Regional Board has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for the proposed project and filed with the Riverside County on May 15, 2007, and information provided subsequently in the applicant's application, in approving this Certification. More specifically, the Regional Board has considered those sections of the MND relating to water quality. Based on the mitigation proposed in the MND, 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. Thus, 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) 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.
- 3) Proposed mitigation shall be timely implemented. A copy of the receipt from the purchase of the In-Lieu Fee 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.
- 4) Prior to construction activities, the project proponent shall delineate the work area with brightly colored fencing or other methods to ensure both temporary and permanent impacts to Waters of the United States and Waters of the State of California do not exceed the limits (0.01 ~~0.05~~ acres of permanent and ~~0.35~~ ~~acres of temporary~~) authorized in this certification.
- 5) 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. Additionally no materials may be stored within waters of the United States or Waters of the State of California.
- 6) 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.

- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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.
- 10) 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, WQMP and/or Habitat Mitigation and Management Plan (HMMP).
- 11) Best management practices to stabilize disturbed soils must include the use of native plant species whenever feasible.
- 12) Applicant shall ensure all water quality protection measures approved as part of the overall Four Seasons at Beaumont Project be implemented as part of this phase of the development.
- 13) 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/

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 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 Jason Bill at (951) 782-3295 or Marc Brown at (951) 321-4584.

Sincerely,



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