## State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality Water Quality Certification Program

## **Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification**

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Los Angeles District Regional General Permit 41 for Removal of Invasive Plants

On July 31, 2013, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Los Angeles District (LAD) provided Public Notice/Application No: SPL-2003-01094-TOB to the State Water Resources Control Board. This notice states that the Corps is reissuing Regional General Permit 41 (RGP 41). Public Notice SPL-2009-01094-TOB serves as the Corps application for Water Quality Certification (Certification) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for RGP 41. The current RGP 41 will expire on January 22, 2014. The reissued RGP 41 is expected to become effective on that date.

RGP 41 authorizes the mechanized removal of invasive plants from waters of the U.S. including wetlands within the Los Angeles District; i.e., Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Bernardino, Imperial, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Inyo Counties, and parts of Mono, San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties. This authorization specifies limitation on the use of this RGP and includes conditions to protect water quality and other resources. The species list is proposed for revision, but No substantial changes from the existing RGP 41 are proposed by the Corps.

The public notice is posted at:

http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/17/docs/publicnotices/Removal%20of%20Invasive%20Plants\_RGP.pdf

The current RGP 41 is posted at:

http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Portals/17/docs/regulatory/RGP/RGP41.pdf

Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing via email, fax, or mail to the State Water Board staff contact person identified below, and received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the date of issuance of this notice and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup> day following the date of issuance of this notice.

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(Note: This document was previously circulated but not posted at this website on December 3, 2013)

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