

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

Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

Applicant: Riverside Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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Project Name: Existing Flood Control Facilities Maintenance Regional General Permit (RM 402541, SB 15004IN)

Date of Application: 08/12/2015

Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification for Riverside Flood Control and Water Conservation District's Existing Flood Control Facilities Maintenance Regional General Permit Affected Counties: Riverside County

On August 15, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board received an application requesting Federal Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for activities related to the Existing Flood Control Facilities Maintenance Regional General Permit (Project), from Riverside Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Applicant). The application was deemed incomplete on September 1, 2015. The Applicant submitted supplemental information on October 28, 2015 and the application was deemed complete on November 20, 2015.

Flood control facilities that will be maintained as part of the project are located throughout Riverside County. The applicant proposes to perform maintenance activities at 55 facilities categorized as basins and dams and 499 facilities categorized as channels, levees, outlets or inlets. The flood control facilities are divided between seven (7) district zones and are illustrated in the map below. Flood control facilities are located throughout three water quality control boards, the Santa Ana, Colorado River, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control

Boards.

The overall purpose of the proposed Project is to streamline the permitting process for routine maintenance activities that would restore and maintain the designed capacity of existing flood control facilities located within the Applicant's jurisdictional boundaries. Maintenance activities would be performed on an as needed basis and would include channel, levees, and basin/dam maintenance (i.e., sediment and debris removal, erosion repairs, sideslope tracking and/or reshaping, and structure rehabilitation/replacement), landscape maintenance and vegetation control/removal, riprap installation and repair, structural inspection/cleaning, fabrication and installation of headwalls, removal and replacement of concrete channel linings, and the repair and backfill of washouts and slope repairs.

Estimated project impacts are classified as temporary in nature due to the fact that Waters of the U.S. and waters of the state are restored to original design specifications. A summary of estimated impacts, by district zone, are detailed in Table 1. Actual impacts in acres, linear feet, and cubic yards would be determined on an annual basis under the general permit. The Applicant is not proposing mitigation for impacts.

District Zone	Temporary Impacts (acres)	Temporary Impacts (cubic yards)
1	13.57	21,900
2	18.97	30,600
3	9.42	15,200
4	4.96	8000
5	1.61	2600
6	5.95	9600
7	3.66	5900
Total Impacts	58.14	93,000

Status of CEQA and other Natural Resource Documents and Permits

The Riverside County Flood Control District, acting as lead agency under CEQA, has determined that the project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Applicant has applied for regional general permit under South Pacific District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The Corps posted a special public notice for the Project on July 30, 2015.

The Applicant has submitted the "Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and California Department of Fish and Game Memorandum of Understanding Maintenance Activities in Improved Channels and detention/Retention and/or Debris Basins" (June 25, 1993) as documentation of compliance with the requirements of California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

State Water Board staff are proposing to regulate the Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office electronically or by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter

and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Maria Saenz at (916) 341-5480 or Anamaria.Saenz@waterboards.ca.gov

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in the public notice.

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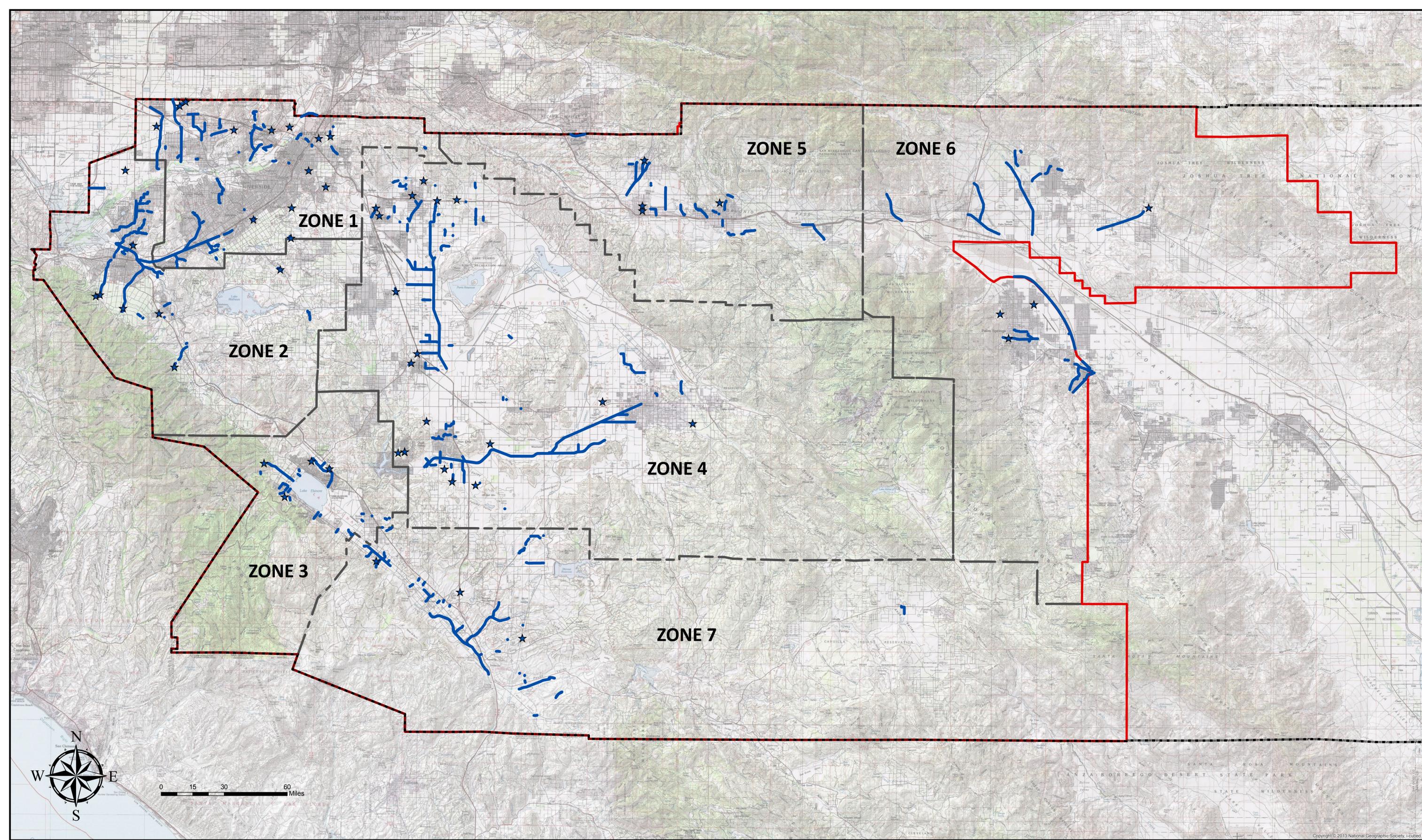
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Legend

- ★ Basins, Dams
- Channels, Levees, Outlets/Inlets
- - - RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOUNDARY
- ▭ DISTRICT JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
RGP-1 REGIONAL LOCATION MAP

