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Project Name:

SoCalGas – Water Quality Certification for Southern California Gas Company Desert Area Operations and Maintenance Projects, WDID No. 7A333149001

Receiving Water:

A total of 178 federal jurisdictional water bodies in particular drainages and desert washes will be potentially impacted by this project within the Colorado River Basin Water Quality Control Board jurisdiction. They are various unnamed desert washes, creeks and rivers, which include named water bodies such as the following: Homer Wash, Black Canyon Wash, Piute Wash, Coachella Canal, Whitewater River, Mojave River, Big Rock Creek and Little Rock Creek.

Location:

City or Area: California Desert Conservation Area, County: Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego

Location data varies since the activities are performed as-needed. SoCalGas intends on providing the specific coordinates in the compliance report.

Project Description:

The purpose of this application is to request for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) to authorize routine Operation and Maintenance (O & M) activities relating to Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) natural gas pipeline system in the desert area. The WQC will allow the continuation of SoCalGas operations and maintenance projects within the Colorado River Basin jurisdiction.

SoCalGas operates an extensive natural gas transmission and distribution system throughout southern California. The proposed project activities are limited to the desert portions of SoCalGas' service territory, specifically in Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties. Routine operation and maintenance of SoCalGas' natural gas pipelines is mandated by the federal Department of Transportation (DOT) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) laws and regulations. Additionally, the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 (PSIA) requires operators of transmission pipelines transporting natural gas and other

hazardous liquids to assess, evaluate, repair and validate through a comprehensive analysis the integrity of pipeline segments in order to ensure system reliability and public safety. Attachment (A) is a list of routine O & M activities that are performed as-needed on existing pipelines and associated infrastructure. The activities result in minor to moderate surface disturbance within and outside pipeline Right-of-Way (ROW). During the past five years, SoCalGas has and continues to utilize Best Management Practices (BMPs) to avoid and minimize potential impacts to aquatic and natural resources to the maximum extent practicable.

Action:

Pending

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