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May 4, 2009

Ms. Valerie Carrillo
Engineering Geologist
Certification and Wetlands Unit
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Dear Ms. Carrillo:

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING REPORT 2008-09 SOFT-BOTTOM CHANNEL CLEARING REACHES NUMBER 1 THROUGH 108 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FILE NUMBERS 99-011 AND 04-162

Public Works is submitting the enclosed DVD and CD discs, containing the Annual Maintenance Report documentation (all in PDF files) in compliance with current permit conditions associated with the 2008-09 Soft-Bottom Channel (SBC) clearing activities:

- 1. One DVD disc containing Aerial Photos for 108 reaches.
- 2. One CD disc containing reports as follow:
  - a. Final SBC Clearing Schedule
  - b. Pre- and Post-Clearing Mitigation Forms
  - c. Before and After Biological Resources Monitoring Reports
  - d. Before and After Clearing Photos
  - e. During Clearing Photos

A total of 91 SBC reaches were maintained during the 2008-09 clearing period.

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Staff from our Water Resources Division will submit the required Annual Mitigation Monitoring Report for the Tujunga Wash Mitigation Bank separately.

Public Works is currently working with your agency to obtain a new or extended 401 Certification for the maintenance of these SBC reaches. The current 401 Certification expired this year. To ensure proper maintenance of these facilities before the next storm season, we appreciate your agency's cooperation in extending the current permit or issuing a new 401 Certification on or before September 1, 2009.

This letter also serves as certification of no net loss of wetland habitat associated with this project:

"I declare under penalty of law that this document and all enclosures were prepared under my direction or supervision, in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who managed the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations".

Executed on the 1st day of May 2009, Alhambra, California.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jemellee Cruz of my staff at (626) 458-4170 or jcruz@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

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Director of Public Works

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Assistant Deputy Director Flood Maintenance Division

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bc: Flood Maintenance (Cruz, Hildebrand, Tang, Vander Vis)