



### Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Ms. Alison Sweet Ventura County Public Works Agency Transportation Department 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQESTED No. 7009 2820 0001 6537 7283

TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED DONLAN ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT (Corps' Project No. SPL 2014-285-AJS), COYOTE CANYON CREEK, CITY OF SOMIS, VENTURA COUNTY (File No. 14-130)

Dear Ms. Sweet:

Board staff has reviewed your request on behalf of Ventura County Public Works Agency, Transportation Department (Applicant) for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Your application was deemed complete March 10, 2015.

I hereby issue an order certifying 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, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredge and Fill Discharges that have received State Water Quality Certification" which requires compliance with all conditions of this Water Quality Certification.

Please read this entire document carefully. The Applicant shall be liable civilly for any violations of this Certification in accordance with the California Water Code. This Certification does not eliminate the Applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this Certification action, please contact Dana Cole, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-5733.

Samuel Unger, P.

Executive Officer

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3. Project Name:

Donlon Road Realignment Project

4. Project Location:

Somis, Ventura County

<u>Latitude</u> (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)		
34.26385	-118.993947		
34.26428	-118.994478		
34.26468	-118.994306		
34.26382	-118.994880		

5. Type of Project:

Road re-alignment

6. Project Purpose:

The Applicant proposes to improve the traffic operations at the intersection of State Route (SR) 118 and SR-34 (Project) by realigning Donlon Road to connect with the existing SR-118 and SR-34 intersection, form a four-way intersection with left turn lanes, one on the eastbound direction of SR-118, with the existing

SR-118 westbound left turn lane lengthened.

7. Project Description:

The Project will:

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- Decrease the acute congestion of State Route (SR) 118 by creating a single four-way intersection at SR 118 and SR 34 (Donlon Road).
- Reduce the potential for accidents along Donlon Road and SR 118 for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists;
- Meet the County of Ventura's minimum acceptable level of service standards at the intersection of SR 118/Donlon Road;
- Improve turning movement conditions for motorists near the project site; and
- Improve transportation facilities in accordance with the County of Ventura's road construction standards in order to meet the appropriate road gradients, curbs, drainage, and concrete specifications.

A left turn pocket lane will be provided on the eastbound direction of SR-118, and the existing SR-118 westbound left turn pocket will be lengthened to accommodate the projected traffic volumes. Donlon Road will be a two lane County road with 12-foot-wide lanes with minimum four-foot-wide shoulders, but eight-foot-wide shoulders will be provided within the project limits where it is feasible. For SR-118, the 12-foot wide through lanes will be maintained. An eastbound 12-foot wide left turn lane is proposed. The existing westbound left turn lane will be widened to 12-foot and lengthened based on the projected traffic volumes. Eight-foot-wide shoulders will be provided within the project limits where it is feasible. No improvements will be made to SR-34, the south leg of the intersection.

Waters and wetlands within 300 feet of the construction footprint include Coyote Canyon Creek, an immediate tributary to the creek, and an unnamed drainage. Coyote Canyon Creek flows parallel to (and west) of Donlon Road and crosses under SR-118 to the south via a drop culvert. The creek has been subject to prior modification during installation of the existing concrete-lined drop culvert that allows flows to pass under SR-118. A small tributary, denoted as Tributary 2, flows southwest from an underground culvert into Coyote Canyon Creek near the intersection of Donlon Road and La

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Cumbre Road. Unnamed Drainage 1 traverses perpendicular to and underneath SR-118 through a concrete box culvert, and connects with Coyote Canyon Creek approximately 600 feet downstream of SR-118.

The project will include installation and construction of an approximate 31-foot wide by 11-foot-tall Superspan arch culvert within Coyote Canyon Creek. A Superspan arch culvert is a widely used, long-span system. Project impacts to jurisdictional areas will be temporary since the width (up to 30 feet) of waters within Coyote Canyon Creek is narrower than the 31-foot-wide culvert. The culvert design will include a soft bottom and is designed to pass the 50-year storm event and to reduce flooding over the road during a 100-year storm event.

The project is designed to maintain a natural bottom within Coyote Canyon Creek that will minimize the effect on waters of the U.S. and State. The Project has been refined several times to avoid wetlands and waters of the U.S. to the maximum extent feasible. The superspan culvert has been designed to include a natural bottom to reduce impacts to waters and maintain natural flow patterns.

Temporary impacts will occur to 0.02 acres of Waters of the United States as a result of initial grading and ground disturbance. The first iteration of planning included 0.004 acres of permanent impacts to Waters of the United States and state from the installation of riprap at the ends of the superspan arch culvert which would extend below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM). On February 18, 2015, the design was minimized, and the riprap was setback approximately 12 feet from the top of bank of the channel on the upland slope. The riprap, as designed, will be placed on the upland slope immediately adjacent to the wing walls of the culvert to protect the wing walls from erosion resulting from rain run-off from the road surface. No permanent impacts will result from the project.

The project design had included road widening activities on SR 118 that will result in an extension of the concrete box culvert under SR 118 (Unnamed drainage 1). Based on the updated plans minimizing project impacts (revised February 18, 2015), road widening activities will stop west (before) of the Unnamed drainage 1 on the south side of SR 118. Therefore, Unnamed drainage 1 will not be impacted by project activities.

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Construction is anticipated to commence May 1, 2015 and will be completed by May 1, 2016. The project schedule includes 160 working days.

8. Federal Agency/Permit:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers NWP No. 14 (Permit No.SPL-2014-285-AJS)

9. Other Required Regulatory Approvals:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement

10. California
Environmental
Quality Act
Compliance:

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors and the Public Works Agency, Transportation Department approved the project's Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2010091013) on July 24, 2012.

11. Receiving Water:

Unnamed streambed and Coyote Canyon Creek, Tributaries to Arroyo Las Posas, (Calleguas Creek Reach 3 to Long Canyon) Hydrologic Unit Code: 180701030103

12. Designated
Beneficial Uses:

MUN\*, IND, PROC, AGR, GWR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, WILD

\*Conditional beneficial use

13. Impacted Waters of the United States:

Non-wetland waters (vegetated streambed): 0.02 temporary acres (143 linear feet)

14. Related Projects
Implemented/to be
Implemented by the
Applicant:

The Applicant has not identified any related projects carried out in the last 5 years or planned for implementation in the next 5 years.

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# 15. Avoidance/ Minimization Activities:

The Applicant has proposed to implement several Best Management Practices (BMPs), including, but not limited to, the following:

- The superspan culvert and bridge has been designed to include a natural bottom to reduce impacts to waters and maintain natural flow patterns.
- Prior to any sediment removal, vegetation control, or repair work in earthen or earthen-bottomed channels that contain surface water or native vegetation, a qualified biologist familiar with the work site shall provide training to the work crew regarding potential species present, habitats to avoid, measures to implement to minimize impacts, or events or situations that require work to be stopped and the biologist to be contacted.
- If vegetation clearing occurs during the breeding season, preconstruction bird nesting surveys shall be conducted to determine the locations of nesting birds.
- Bird surveys shall include a minimum of two nesting bird surveys to be conducted by a qualified biologist no more than one week prior to the start of vegetation clearing or construction.
- Bird nesting surveys shall be reinitiated if construction is halted for more than two days.
- The nesting bird surveys shall include a survey buffer around the project site of 500 feet.
- If a nesting bird or special-status species is located, consultation with the local CDFG representative shall occur to determine what avoidance actions may be taken.
- If active bird nests are found, a minimum 100-foot buffer will be established surrounding the nest(s) and shall be flagged for avoidance.
- If any active raptor nests are found, a buffer area of 250 to 500 feet from the nest shall be established until the nest becomes vacated.
- If any special-status bird species nests are found, a suitable buffer area of 300 to 500 feet from the nest shall be established until the

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nest becomes vacated, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be consulted. Disturbance can occur within the buffer area after the birds are no longer reliant on the nest.

- Construction monitoring will also avoid and minimize impacts to potential nesting birds and raptors.
- A preconstruction survey by qualified biologists will be performed for special status wildlife species no more than two weeks prior to vegetation clearing and construction within the project site, including but not limited to: bat species, monarch butterfly, silvery legless lizard, western pond turtle, coastal whiptail, and two-striped garter snake.
- The surveys will include mapping current locations of special-status wildlife species for avoidance and relocation efforts and to assist construction monitoring efforts.
- Bat roosting areas within the project site shall be inspected and if bats are present, the avoidance of maternity colonies shall be implemented.
- During any activities involving vegetation clearing or modification of natural habitat, the Applicant shall contract with a biological monitor to conduct monitoring to avoid and minimize impacts to special status wildlife.
- Locally important wildlife species or wildlife Species of Special Concern, which are not formally listed, will be captured by qualified biologists as possible and relocated to adjacent appropriate habitat within the open space onsite or in suitable habitat adjacent to the project area.
- Temporary soil stabilization and sediment control will be used during construction that will include the temporary on-site drainage to carry concentrated flows.
- Stormwater inlets will be protected with gravel bags and filter fabric to divert off-site drainage.
- Earthwork will be avoided in soft bottom channels from December 1

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to April 1 unless water is absent.

- If work is considered critical, water diversion approved by permitting agencies will be performed.
- No work will occur in flowing or ponded water.
- Baseline water quality monitoring will be required prior to installation of any water diversion, daily for the first five days the water diversion is in place, and weekly thereafter.
- Discharge of silt-laden water or pollutants downstream during Project activities will be prevented.
- No construction shall be conducted during rain events, or if 0.25 inches or more of rain is forecast within 12 hours of scheduled work.
- Waste materials pollution control will include storage and access areas during loading and unloading of all construction materials.
- Areas will be designated for waste handling and disposal.
- Temporary stockpiles in the channel bottom shall be limited to one working day and not overnight.
- Temporary stockpiles may be placed in channel bottoms or debris basins if they are placed in such a manner that they will not be exposed to flowing water.
- Permanent stockpiles shall be located landward of the 100-year floodplain to the maximum extent feasible.
- Road base, fill, sediments, and asphalt will not be placed beyond the
  previously established road bed when working adjacent to channels
  and basin bottoms.
- All equipment will be in working condition and free of leaks.
- Fluids associated with the curing, finishing and wash-out of concrete shall not be discharged to the channel.
- Areas will be designated for waste handling and disposal.

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- Concrete wastes (liquid, dust, solids) shall be stockpiled separately from sediment and protected by erosion control measures to prevent discharge to the channel, basin, or waters of the State.
- No equipment maintenance or refueling will be performed in a channel or basin bottom.
- Drip pans will be placed under all stationary equipment such as motors, pumps, generators, compressors, and welders.
- Hazardous spill (Spill) containment materials must be on site and readily available for any emergency.
- Spills will be cleaned up immediately, and reported to the Office of Spill Prevention and Response.
- Maintenance crews will be trained in spill containment and response.
- Soil disturbance within the project area will be stabilized prior to rain events.
- 16. Proposed
  Compensatory
  Mitigation:

The applicant has proposed to restore 0.02 acres and enhance a minimum of 0.049 acres of existing vegetated streambed onsite.

17. Required
Compensatory
Mitigation:

The Applicant shall provide restoration for 0.02 acres and enhancement for 0.049 acres of vegetated streambed. See *Attachment B, Conditions of Certifications, Additional Conditions* for modifications and additions to the above proposed compensatory mitigation.

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#### STANDARD CONDITIONS

Pursuant to §3860 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR), the following three standard conditions shall apply to this project:

- 1. This Certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to §13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with 23 CCR §3867).
- 2. This Certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent Certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
- 3. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required pursuant to 23 CCR Chapter 28 and owed by the Applicant.

### ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

Pursuant to 23 CCR §3859(a), the Applicant shall comply with the following additional conditions:

- 1. The Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board copies of any other final permits and agreements required for this project, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (ACOE) Section 404 Permit and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Streambed Alteration Agreement. These documents shall be submitted prior to any discharge to waters of the State.
- 2. The Applicant shall adhere to the most stringent conditions indicated with either this Certification, the CDFW's Streambed Alteration Agreement, or the ACOE Section 404 Permit.
- 3. The Applicant shall comply with all water quality objectives, prohibitions, and policies set forth in the *Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region (1994)*, as amended.
- 4. The Avoidance/Minimization activities proposed by the Applicant as described in Attachment A, No. 15, are incorporated as additional conditions herein.
- 5. The Applicant and all contractors employed by the Applicant shall have copies of this Certification and all other regulatory approvals for this project on site at all times and shall be familiar with all conditions set forth.

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- 6. Fueling, lubrication, maintenance, operation, and storage of vehicles and equipment shall not result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the State. At no time shall the Applicant use any vehicle or equipment which leaks any substance that may impact water quality. Staging and storage areas for vehicles and equipment shall be located outside of waters of the State.
- 7. All excavation, construction, or maintenance activities shall follow best management practices to minimize impacts to water quality and beneficial uses. Dust control activities shall be conducted in such a manner that will not produce downstream runoff.
- 8. No construction material, spoils, debris, or any other substances associated with this project that may adversely impact water quality standards, shall be located in a manner which may result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the State. Designated spoil and waste areas shall be visually marked prior to any excavation and/or construction activity, and storage of the materials shall be confined to these areas.
- 9. All waste or dredged material removed shall be relocated to a legal point of disposal if applicable. A legal point of disposal is defined as one for which Waste Discharge Requirements have been established by a California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and is in full compliance therewith.
- 10. The Applicant shall implement all necessary control measures to prevent the degradation of water quality from the proposed project in order to maintain compliance with the Basin Plan. The discharge shall meet all effluent limitations and toxic and effluent standards established to comply with the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements, including the provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act. This Certification does not authorize the discharge by the applicant for any other activity than specifically described in the 404 Permit.
- 11. The discharge shall not: a) degrade surface water communities and populations including vertebrate, invertebrate, and plant species; b) promote the breeding of mosquitoes, gnats, black flies, midges, or other pests; c) alter the color, create visual contrast with the natural appearance, nor cause aesthetically undesirable discoloration of the receiving waters; d) cause formation of sludge deposits; or e) adversely affect any designated beneficial uses.
- 12. The Applicant shall allow the Regional Board and its authorized representative entry to the premises, including all mitigation sites, to inspect and undertake any activity to determine compliance with this Certification, or as otherwise authorized by the California Water Code.
- 13. If rain is predicted after operations have begun, grading activities must cease immediately and the site must be stabilized to prevent impacts to water quality, and minimize erosion and runoff from the site.

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- 14. The grading, stabilization and re-vegetation will be phased to limit the exposed or working face such that the graded area can be stabilized within 24 hours after the first prediction of rain during the 5-day forecast or within 24 hours after final grading of the phased area.
- 15. The Applicant shall utilize the services of a qualified biologist with expertise in riparian assessments during any vegetation clearing activities. The biologist shall be available on site during construction activities to ensure that all protected areas are marked properly and ensure that no vegetation outside the specified areas is removed. The biologist shall have the authority to stop the work, as necessary, if instructions are not followed. The biologist shall be available upon request from this Regional Board for consultation within 24 hours of request of consultation.
- 16. No activities shall involve wet excavations (i.e., no excavations shall occur below the seasonal high water table). A minimum 5-foot buffer zone shall be maintained above the existing groundwater level. If construction or groundwater dewatering is proposed or anticipated, the Applicant shall file a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to this Regional Board and obtain any necessary NPDES permits/Waste Discharge Requirements prior to discharging waste.

Sufficient time should be allowed to obtain any such permits (generally 180 days). If groundwater is encountered without the benefit of appropriate permits, the Applicant shall cease all activities in the areas where groundwater is present, file a Report of Waste Discharge to this Regional Board, and obtain any necessary permits prior to discharging waste.

- 17. All project and construction activities not included in this Certification, and which may require a permit, must be reported to the Regional Board for appropriate permitting. Bank stabilization and grading, as well as any other ground disturbances, are subject to restoration and revegetation requirements, and may require additional Certification action.
- 18. All surface waters, including ponded waters, shall be diverted away from areas undergoing grading, construction, excavation, vegetation removal, and/or any other activity which may result in a discharge to the receiving water. If surface water diversions are anticipated, the Applicant shall develop and submit a Surface Water Diversion Plan (plan) to this Regional Board. The plan shall include the proposed method and duration of diversion activities, structure configuration, construction materials, equipment, erosion and sediment controls, and a map or drawing indicating the locations of diversion and discharge points. Contingency measures shall be a part of this plan to address various flow discharge rates. The plan shall be submitted prior to any surface water diversions. If surface flows are present, then upstream and downstream monitoring for the following shall be implemented:
  - pH
  - temperature

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- dissolved oxygen
- turbidity
- total suspended solids(TSS)

Analyses must be performed using approved US Environmental Protection Agency methods, where applicable. These constituents shall be measured at least once prior to diversion and then monitored for on a daily basis during the first week of diversion and/or dewatering activities, and then on a weekly basis, thereafter, until the in-stream work is complete.

Results of the analyses shall be submitted to this Regional Board by the 15th day of each subsequent sampling month. A map or drawing indicating the locations of sampling points shall be included with each submittal. Diversion activities shall not result in the degradation of beneficial uses or exceedance of water quality objectives of the receiving waters. Downstream TSS shall be maintained at ambient levels. Where natural turbidity is between 0 and 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU), increases shall not exceed 20%. Where natural turbidity is greater than 50 NTU, increases shall not exceed 10%. Any such violations may result in corrective and/or enforcement actions, including increased monitoring and sample collection.

- 19. The Applicant shall restore **0.02 acres** of TEMPORARY IMPACTS to waters of the United States and all other areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the State. Restoration shall include grading of disturbed areas to pre-project contours and revegetation with native species. Restored areas shall be monitored and maintained with native species as necessary for five years.
- 20. The Applicant shall provide COMPENSATORY MITIGATION to offset the proposed temporary loss of 0.02 acres waters of the United States by restoring riparian habitat at a minimum 1:1 area replacement ratio (0.02 acres), and enhance 0.049 acres of vegetated streambed. If the Applicant proposes funding to a third-party organization for the restoration and enhancement of vegetated streambed riparian habitat within waters of the United States/Federal jurisdictional wetlands, then funding shall apply to mitigation acreage only, exclusive of administrative costs. The mitigation site shall be located within the Calleguas-Conejo Creek Watershed unless otherwise approved by this Regional Board. The Applicant shall submit a Proposed Mitigation Report which shall include:
  - (a) Documentation from the third party indicating that funds have been used for mitigation acreage only, which do not include administrative costs.
  - (b) The boundary of the mitigation site shall be clearly identified on a map of suitable resolution and quality and shall also be defined by latitude and longitude.
  - (c) The type(s) of mitigation shall be described (e.g., removal of exotics and/or replanting with native species, etc.)
  - (d) Success criteria shall be established.

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This information shall be submitted to this Regional Board for approval prior to any project activities which take place within waters of the United States and shall include copies of all agreements made between the Applicant and a third party organization regarding compensatory mitigation efforts.

- 21. The Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board Annual Mitigation Monitoring Reports (Annual Reports) by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for a minimum period of five (5) years following this issuance of 401 Certification or until mitigation success has been achieved and documented. The Annual Reports shall describe in detail all of the project/construction activities performed during the previous year and all restoration and mitigation efforts; including percent survival by plant species and percent cover. The Annual Reports shall describe the status of other agreements (e.g., mitigation banking) or any delays in the mitigation process. At a minimum the Annual Reports shall include the following:
  - (a) Color photo documentation of the pre- and post-project and mitigation site conditions;
  - (b) Geographical Positioning System (GPS) coordinates in decimal-degrees format outlining the boundary of the project and mitigation areas;
  - (c) The overall status of project including whether or not work has begun on the Project and a detailed schedule;
  - (d) Copies of all permits revised as required in Additional Condition 1;
  - (e) Water quality monitoring results for each reach (as required) compiled in a spreadsheet format;
  - (f) A certified Statement of "no net loss" of wetlands associated with this project;
  - (g) Discussion of any monitoring activities and exotic plant control efforts; and
  - (h) A certified Statement from the permittee or his/her representative that all conditions of this Certification have been met.
- 22. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Regional Board shall be signed:
  - (a) For corporations, by a principal executive officer at least of the level of vice president or his duly authorized representative, if such representative is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which discharge originates.
  - (b) For a partnership, by a general partner.
  - (c) For a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor.

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- (d) For a municipal, State, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee.
- 23. Each and any report submitted in accordance with this Certification shall contain the following completed declaration:

"I declare under penalty of law that this document and all attachments 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	day of	at		•
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				(Signature)
		•		(Title)"
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- 24. All communications regarding this project and submitted to this Regional Board shall identify the Project File Number 14-130. Submittals shall be sent to the attention of the 401 Certification Unit.
- 25. Any modifications of the proposed project may require submittal of a new Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification application and appropriate filing fee.
- 26. The project shall comply with the local regulations associated with the Regional Board's Municipal Stormwater Permit issued to Ventura County and co-permittees under NPDES No. CAS004002 and Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R4-2010-0108. This includes the Stormwater Quality Urban Impact Mitigation Plan (SQUIMP) and all related implementing local ordinances and regulations for the control of stormwater pollution from new development and redevelopment.
- 27. The project shall also comply with all requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, Order No. 2012-0011-DWQ. All stormwater treatment systems shall be located outside of any water of the State and shall not be used as a wetland or riparian mitigation credit.
- 28. Coverage under this Certification may be transferred to the extent the underlying federal permit may legally be transferred and further provided that the Applicant notifies the Executive Officer at least 30 days before the proposed transfer date, and the notice includes

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a written agreement between the existing and new Applicants containing a specific date of coverage, responsibility for compliance with this Certification, and liability between them.

29. The Applicant or their agents shall report any noncompliance. Any such information shall be provided verbally to the Executive Officer within 24 hours from the time the Applicant becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within five days of the time the Applicant becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected; the anticipated time it is expected to continue and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. The Executive Officer, or an authorized representative, may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

### 30. Enforcement:

- (a) In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Certification, the violation or threatened violation 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.
- (b) In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Certification, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) may require the holder of any permit or license subject to this Certification to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the SWRCB deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall be a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports.
- (c) In response to any violation of the conditions of this Certification, the SWRCB or RWQCB may add to or modify the conditions of this Certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.
- 31. This Certification shall expire five (5) years from date of this Certification. The Applicant shall submit a complete application at least 90 days prior to termination of this Certification if renewal is requested.

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