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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL  
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Dear Mr. Eduardo Aguilar:

RE: CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER  
FOR THE VEN-33 Soil Nail Wall (WDID FILE #4WQC40117163)

Enclosed please find a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Order, authorized by Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer, Deborah J. Smith. This Order is issued to California Department of Transportation, Eduardo Aguilar, VEN-33 Soil Nail Wall, Permit Renewal File No. 12-032 (Project). Attachments A through C of the Enclosure are also part of the Order.

This Order is issued in response to an application submitted by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Eduardo Aguilar for proposed Project discharges to waters of the state, to ensure that the water quality standards for all waters of the state impacted by the Project are met. You may proceed with your Project according to the terms and conditions of the enclosed Order.

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CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER

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**Effective Date:** May 15, 2018

**Program Type:** Fill/Excavation

Reg. Meas. ID:	418383
Place ID:	843214
WDID:	4WQC40117163
NWP:	3, 33
USACOE#:	SPL-2012-00348-TS
R4 File No	17-163

**Project Type:** Non-Restoration Bank Stabilization

**Project:** VEN-33 Soil Nail Wall (Project)

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**I. Order**

This Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 Water Quality Certification action and Order (Order) is issued at the request of California Department of Transportation (herein after Permittee) for the Project. This Order is for the purpose described in application and supplemental information submitted by the Permittee. The application was received on December 22, 2017. The application was deemed complete on May 3, 2018. Prior to receiving a complete application, Los Angeles Board staff issued a notice of incomplete application and the Permittee responded to the request for application information on the following dates (Table 1).

<b>Table 1: Record of Notice(s) of Incomplete Application</b>	
Date of Notice of Incomplete Application	Date all requested information was received.
January 10, 2018	May 3, 2018

**II. Public Notice**

The Los Angeles Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from December 27, 2017 to the effective date of Order. The Los Angeles Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

**III. Project Purpose**

The purpose of the project(Project) is to alleviate undermining and possible failure of the existing grouted rock slope protection along State Route 33 (SR-33) at Post Mile 15.7-15.8. The Project will remove severely undermined grouted rock-slope protection (RSP) at this location. A 2007 rock slide from the adjacent property owner redirected creek flows towards the roadway and accelerated the structural undermining of the RSP and created large cavities (some up to a horizontal depth of twenty-two feet beneath the roadway). The Permittee will remove the RSP and replace it with a soil nail wall along the edge of the roadway.

**IV. Project Description**

The Project was initially certified under Water Quality Certification (File No 12-032) issued on May 7, 2013, which expires May 7, 2018. The start of the Project was delayed until May 2017. The project is currently in violation for lack of meeting mitigation and reporting requirements. File 17-063 replaces File 12-032 except for enforcement purposes.

The Permittee will remove the severely undermined grouted rock slope protection (RSP) and replace it with an approximately 500-foot-long "soil nail wall" (described below) along State Route 33 and North Fork Matilija Creek (Post Mile 15.7-15.8) in Ventura County adjacent to Mossier Quarry.

The project site is located approximately one-third of a mile upstream from the confluence of North Fork Matilija Creek and the main stem Matilija Creek, where the two creeks merge to form the Ventura River. Construction activities are expected to impact designated critical habitat for southern steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and California red-legged frog

(*Rana draytonii*), as well as potential habitat for two listed avian species, least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) and southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*).

Through the project area, bedrock outcrops help keep the water near the surface, creating pools for fish habitat. There are no pumping or diversion structures near the project area which would impact flows. There are no dams within the watershed and the bridges through the area are mostly clear span. Bridge 52-44 just upstream of the project has two pier walls within the channel, but these do not cause backwater.

A full discussion of the stream geomorphology (slope, sinuosity, channel incision, bed and bank materials, and flow regimes), watershed sediment yield, and the sediment transport capacities of the existing and proposed conditions are provided in the Geomorphology and Sedimentation Report (CWE, 2012) received by the Los Angeles Water Board on May 3, 2018.

The RSP will be removed in stages and the soil nail wall will be constructed in its place. An excavator with a breaker attachment will be used to break up the existing grouted RSP from the roadway, creating a bench that equipment can be lowered into in order to begin construction of the wall.

The soil nail wall will be constructed from the top down until reaching bed rock, and will consist of soil nails (steel bars) drilled horizontally into the ground approximately five feet apart and then grouted in place. A wall face will then be constructed with steel mesh and concrete. The wall will be tied into the existing RSP on each end by a one to one slope, grouted two-to-four-ton RSP that will prevent stream flows from flanking the wall. The proposed wall will range in height from 20 to 30 feet which is based on the depth of bedrock and height of existing roadway.

When construction of the soil nail wall is complete the stream will be wider. A stream simulation design will be utilized to match the widened portion of the creek to the existing step-pool system. This will be done by tying in rock weirs to the existing boulder and bedrock outcroppings that form the natural steps. The weirs will be constructed of four- to six-ton boulders, cabled together and to the existing natural material and planting of native riparian vegetation.

Caltrans has developed a Water Diversion Plan in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (*Natural Environmental Study, and Addendum*) (NES Plan), received by the Los Angeles Water Board on April 30, 2018. The NES Plan will be implemented during construction to isolate the work site from creek flows. This plan includes installation of an aqua-dam berm and using screened pumps to divert the water out of the channel, along the roadway and then back into the channel through a downstream CMP storm drain from the roadway. Approximately 900 feet of North Fork Matilija Creek will be de-watered.

Baseline data of the project area prior to project construction was collected to better evaluate project success (*Fish Passage Analysis Report* prepared by Parsons, September 10, 2012). The information includes fish use, environmental habitat conditions, photographic monitoring, photographic reference locations, monitoring parameters. Aerial photography, mapping and photographs of the pre-project photo reference locations were incorporated to provide a visual element of the pre-existing site conditions.

The Project will incorporate the best management practices as described in Appendix A of the NES Plan. The Project will re-install wooden fish habitat structures developed through consultation with NOAA Fisheries.

**V. Project Location**

North Fork of Matilija Creek on State Route 33 near the Mosler Rock Quarry in Ventura County, California

<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
34.4870	-119.3047
34.4885	-119.3055
34.4879	-119.3046
34.4888	-119.3055
34.4875	-119.3053
34.4888	-119.3054
34.4876	-119.3052
34.4882	-119.3052

A map showing the Project location is found in Attachment A of this Order.

**VI. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information**

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the applicable water quality control plan (Basin Plan) for the region and other plans and policies which may be accessed online at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans\\_policies/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/).

The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This Order promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

The receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the state impacted by the Project:

Receiving Water: North Fork Matilija Creek  
(Hydrologic Unit Code: 180701010102)

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

Uses: WILD, RARE, MIGR, SPWN, WET

\*Conditional beneficial use

**VII. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State**

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 2. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition only.

Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity				
Aquatic Resource Type	Temporary Impact <sup>1</sup>		Permanent Impact	
			Degradation of Ecological Condition Only	
	Acres	LF	Acres	LF
Stream Channel	0.12	600	0.23	500

**VIII. Compensatory Mitigation**

The Permittee has agreed to provide compensatory mitigation for direct temporary and permanent impacts described in as described in *Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, State Route 33 Soil Nail Wall Project SR-33, Post Miles: 15.7-15.8 (HMMP)* dated April 2016, received by the Los Angeles Water Board on May 3, 2018.

**IX. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

On May 9, 2013, Caltrans, as lead agency, adopted an initial study/mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2013031076, for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) at the SCH on May 10, 2013. The Los Angeles Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that Caltrans adopted environmental document comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21167.3.) The Los Angeles Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and finds that the environmental document prepared by Caltrans adequately addresses the Project’s water resource impacts. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (f).)

**X. Petitions for Reconsideration**

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Board to reconsider this Order in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867. A petition for reconsideration must be submitted in writing and received within 30 calendar days of the issuance of this Order.

**XI. Fees Received**

An application fee of \$6,634 was received on December 22, 2017. The fee based on total Project impacts is \$4,644.00. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), and was calculated as Fill and

<sup>1</sup> Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.

Excavation Discharges, with the dredge and fill fee calculator. A refund will be processed upon the Permittee's request.

## **XII. Conditions**

The Los Angeles Water Board has independently reviewed the record of the Project to analyze impacts to water quality and designated beneficial uses within the watershed of the Project. In accordance with this Order, the Permittee may proceed with the Project under the following terms and conditions:

### **A. Authorization**

Impacts to waters of the state shall not exceed quantities shown in Table 2.

### **B. Reporting and Notification Requirements**

The following section details the reporting and notification types and timing of submittals. Requirements for the content of these reporting and notification types are detailed in Attachment C, including specifications for photo and map documentation during the Project. Written reports and notifications must be submitted using the Reporting and Notification Cover Sheet located in Attachment C, which must be signed by the Permittee or an authorized representative.

#### **1. Project Reporting**

- a. Annual Reporting:** The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year on the anniversary of Project effective date. Annual Reporting requirements are detailed in Attachment C. Annual reporting shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.

#### **2. Project Status Notifications**

- a. Commencement of Construction:** The Permittee shall submit a Commencement of Construction Report at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.
- b. Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter following completion of active Project construction activities, including any required restoration and permittee-responsible mitigation. This request shall be submitted to the Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities. Upon acceptance of the request, Los Angeles Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee which will end the active discharge period and associated annual fees.
- c. Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter when construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete,<sup>2</sup> and no further Project activities will occur. This

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<sup>2</sup> Completion of post-construction monitoring shall be determined by Los Angeles Water Board staff and shall be contingent on successful attainment of restoration and mitigation performance criteria.

request shall be submitted to Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities. Upon approval of the request, the Los Angeles Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee which will end the post discharge monitoring period and associated annual fees.

**3. Conditional Notifications and Reports:** The following notifications and reports are required as appropriate.

**a. Accidental Discharges of Hazardous Materials<sup>3</sup>**

Following an accidental discharge of a reportable quantity of a hazardous material, sewage, or an unknown material, the following applies (Wat. Code, § 13271):

- i. As soon as (A) Permittee has knowledge of the discharge or noncompliance, (B) notification is possible, and (C) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures then:
  - first call – 911 (to notify local response agency)
  - then call – Office of Emergency Services (OES) State Warning Center at: (800) 852-7550 or (916) 845-8911
  - Lastly follow the required OES procedures as set forth in:  
[http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill Booklet Feb2014 FINAL BW Acc.pdf](http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill%20Booklet%20Feb2014%20FINAL%20BW%20Acc.pdf)
- ii. Following notification to OES, the Permittee shall notify Los Angeles Water Board, as soon as practicable (ideally within 24 hours). Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.
- iii. Within five (5) working days of notification to the Los Angeles Water Board, the Permittee must submit an Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report.

**b. Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards:** The Permittee shall notify the Los Angeles Water Board of any event causing a violation of compliance with water quality standards. Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

- i. Examples of noncompliance events include: lack of storm water treatment following a rain event, discharges causing a visible plume in a water of the state, and water contact with uncured concrete.
- ii. This notification must be followed within three (3) working days by submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report.

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<sup>3</sup> "Hazardous material" means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. "Hazardous materials" include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, and any material that a handler or the administering agency has a reasonable basis for believing that it would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. (Health & Saf. Code, § 25501.)

**c. In-Water Work**

- i. The Permittee will follow the NES Plan for the water diversion.
- ii. During stream diversion, water quality monitoring shall be conducted. Requirements for water quality monitoring are below.
- iii. The Permittee shall notify the Los Angeles Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in water or stream diversions. Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

**d. Modifications to Project**

Project modifications may require an amendment of this Order. The Permittee shall give advance notice to Los Angeles Water Board staff if Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority by submitting a Modifications to Project Report. The Permittee shall inform Los Angeles Water Board staff of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with this Order.

**C. Water Quality Monitoring**

1. **General:** If surface water is present, continuous visual surface water monitoring shall be conducted to detect accidental discharge of construction related pollutants (e.g. oil and grease, turbidity plume, or uncured concrete).
2. **Accidental Discharges/Noncompliance:** Upon occurrence of an accidental discharge of hazardous materials or a violation of compliance with a water quality standard, Los Angeles Water Board staff may require water quality monitoring based on the discharge constituents and/or related water quality objectives and beneficial uses.
3. **In-Water Work or Diversions:**

During planned stream diversions any discharge(s) to waters of the state shall conform to the following water quality standards:

- a. **Oil and Grease.** Waters shall not contain oils, greases, waxes or other materials in concentrations that result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the water or on objects in the water, that cause nuisance, or that otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.
- b. **Dissolved Oxygen.** The dissolved oxygen content of all surface waters designated as both COLD and SPWN shall not be depressed below 7 mg/L as a result of waste discharges.
- c. **pH.** The pH of inland surface waters shall not be depressed below 6.5 or raised above 8.5 as a result of waste discharges. Ambient pH levels shall not be changed more than 0.5 units from natural conditions as a result of waste discharge.

- d. Turbidity. 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%.

Sampling shall be conducted in accordance with Table 3 sampling parameters.<sup>4</sup>

Parameter	Unit of Measurement	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Oil and Grease	N/A	Visual	Continuous
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L & % saturation	Grab	Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter
pH	Standard Units	Grab	Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter
Temperature	°F (or as °C)	Grab	Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter

Baseline sampling shall be conducted at least one location within the project boundary for each phase. All other sampling shall take place at a minimum of two locations. In streams or flowing water the sample locations shall be upstream and downstream. 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.

4. **Post-Construction:** Visually inspect the Project site during the rainy season for 5 years to ensure excessive erosion, stream instability, or other water quality pollution is not occurring in or downstream of the Project site. If water quality pollution is occurring, contact the Los Angeles Water Board staff member overseeing the Project within three (3) working days. The Los Angeles Water Board may require the submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report. Additional permits may be required to carry out any necessary site remediation.

#### D. Standard

1. This Order is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Water Code section 13330, and California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapter 28, Article 6 commencing with sections 3867-3869, inclusive. Additionally, the Los Angeles Water Board reserves the right to

<sup>4</sup> Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136; where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, the method shall be approved by Los Angeles Water Board staff. Grab samples shall be taken between the surface and mid-depth and not be collected at the same time each day to get a complete representation of variations in the receiving water. A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring shall be maintained onsite.

suspend, cancel, or modify and reissue this Order, after providing notice to the Permittee, if the Los Angeles Water Board determines that: the Project fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order; or, when necessary to implement any new or revised water quality standards and implementation plans adopted or approved pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.) or federal Clean Water Act section 303 (33 U.S.C. § 1313). For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), the condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with water quality standards and appropriate requirements of state law.

2. This Order is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license, unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to subsection 3855(b) of chapter 28, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, and that application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. This Order is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under title 23 of the California Code of Regulations and owed by the Permittee.
4. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Order, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process, or sanctions as provided for under state and federal law. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, processes, 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 Order.

#### **E. General Compliance**

1. Failure to comply with any condition of this Order shall constitute a violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the Clean Water Act. The Permittee and/or discharger may then be subject to administrative and/or civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13385.
2. Permitted actions must not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standards, including impairment of designated beneficial uses for receiving waters as adopted in the Basin Plans by any applicable Los Angeles Water Board or any applicable State Water Board (collectively Water Boards) water quality control plan or policy. The source of any such discharge must be eliminated as soon as practicable.
3. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Order, the Los Angeles Water Board may require the holder of this Order to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Water Boards deem appropriate, provide that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. The additional monitoring requirements ensure that permitted discharges and activities comport with any applicable effluent limitations, water quality standards, and/or other appropriate requirement of state law.
4. The Permittee must, at all times, fully comply with engineering plans, specifications, and technical reports submitted to support this Order; and all subsequent submittals required

as part of this Order. The conditions within this Order and Attachments supersede conflicting provisions within Permittee submittals.

5. This Order and all of its conditions contained herein continue to have full force and effect regardless of the expiration or revocation of any federal license or permit issued for the Project. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), this condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements of state law.
6. The Permittee shall adhere to all requirements in **Appendix A** of the **Natural Environment Study** which is incorporated herein by reference.
7. **Construction General Permit Requirement:** The Permittee shall maintain compliance with conditions described in, and required by, NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, as amended; NPDES No. CAS000002).

#### F. Administrative

1. Signatory requirements for all document submittals required by this Order are presented in Attachment B of this Order.
2. This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered or candidate species or any act, which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, §§ 2050-2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this Order held by the Permittee, the Permittee must obtain authorization for the take prior to any construction or operation of the portion of the Project that may result in a take. The Permittee is responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable endangered species act for the Project authorized under this Order.
3. The Permittee shall grant Los Angeles Water Board staff, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a Water Board representative), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, permission to:
  - a. Enter upon the Project or compensatory mitigation site(s) premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept.
  - b. Have access to and copy any records that are kept and are relevant to the Project or the requirements of this Order.
  - c. Inspect any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order.
  - d. Sample or monitor for the purposes of assuring Order compliance.
4. A copy of this Order shall be provided to any consultants, contractors, and subcontractors working on the Project. Copies of this Order shall remain at the Project site for the duration of this Order. The Permittee shall be responsible for work conducted by its consultants, contractors, and any subcontractors.

5. A copy of this Order must be available at the Project site(s) during construction for review by site personnel and agencies. All personnel performing work on the Project shall be familiar with the content of this Order and its posted location at the Project site.
6. Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement – The Permittee shall submit a signed copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s lake and streambed alteration agreement to the Los Angeles Water Board immediately upon execution and prior to any discharge to waters of the state.
7. 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.
8. The project shall comply with the local regulations associated with the State Water Board’s Municipal Stormwater Permit issued to the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under NPDES No. CAS000003 and Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 2012-0011 - DWQ.

**G. On-site Mitigation for Temporary Impacts**

1. The Permittee shall restore all areas of temporary impacts to waters of the state and all Project site upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge of waters of the state
2. The Permittee shall restore all areas of temporary impacts in accordance with the HMMP and incorporated herein by reference. Any deviations from, or revisions to, the HMMP must be pre-approved by Los Angeles Water Board staff.
3. Restored areas onsite shall be monitored and maintained with native species as necessary for five years.
4. The Los Angeles Water Board may extend the monitoring period upon a determination by Los Angeles Water Board Executive Officer that the performance standards have not been met or are not likely to be met within the monitoring period.

<b>Table 4: Required Project Mitigation Quantity for Temporary Impacts</b>			
<b>Aquatic Resource Type</b>	<b>Mitigation Type<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Method<sup>6</sup></b>
			<b>Re-est.</b>
Stream Channel	PR	Acres	0.12

**H. Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts<sup>7</sup>**

<sup>5</sup> Mitigation type for onsite restoration of temporary impacts is Permittee Responsible (PR).

<sup>6</sup> Methods: reestablishment (Re-est).

**1. Final Compensatory Mitigation Plan**

- a. The Permittee shall provide a final compensatory mitigation plan for written acceptance by Los Angeles Water Board staff. Upon acceptance by Los Angeles Water Board staff, the Permittee shall implement the approved plan. At the time of the issuance of this Order, the Permittee was negotiating to provide 0.46 acres of mitigation to be purchased from the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (preservation only)
- b. The final compensatory mitigation plan shall include all plan elements as outlined in 40 CFR § 230.94(c)
- c. Permittees fulfilling their compensatory mitigation obligations by securing credits from an approved mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program, need only include the items described in 40 CFR § 230.94(c)(5)-(6), and the name of the specific mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program to be used.
- d. Total required Project compensatory mitigation information for permanent physical loss of area, ecological degradation and temporal loss is summarized in Table 5.

<b>Table 5: Required Project Compensatory Mitigation Quantity</b>			
<b>Aquatic Resource Type</b>	<b>Comp Mit. Type<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Method<sup>9</sup></b>
			<b>Re-est.</b>
Stream Channel	MB	Acres	0.46

**XIII. Water Quality Certification**

I hereby issue the Order for the VEN-33 Soil Nail Wall, Permit Renewal, (WDID number WQC40117163) certifying that as long as all of the conditions listed in this Order are met, any discharge from the referenced Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Clean Water Act 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).

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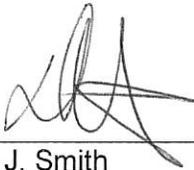
<sup>7</sup> Compensatory Mitigation is for permanent physical loss and permanent ecological degradation of a water of the state.

<sup>8</sup> Compensatory mitigation type may be: In-Lieu-Fee (ILF); Mitigation Bank (MB); Permittee-Responsible (PR)

<sup>9</sup> Methods: establishment (Est.), reestablishment (Re-est.), rehabilitation (Reh.), enhancement (Enh.), preservation (Pres.). Unknown applies to advance credits with an unknown method and or location.

This discharge is also regulated pursuant to State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ which authorizes this Order to serve as Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Order actions are contingent on: (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the conditions of this Order and the attachments to this Order; and, (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of Statewide Water Quality Control Plans and Policies, the Regional Water Boards' Water Quality Control Plans and Policies.



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Executive Officer  
Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board

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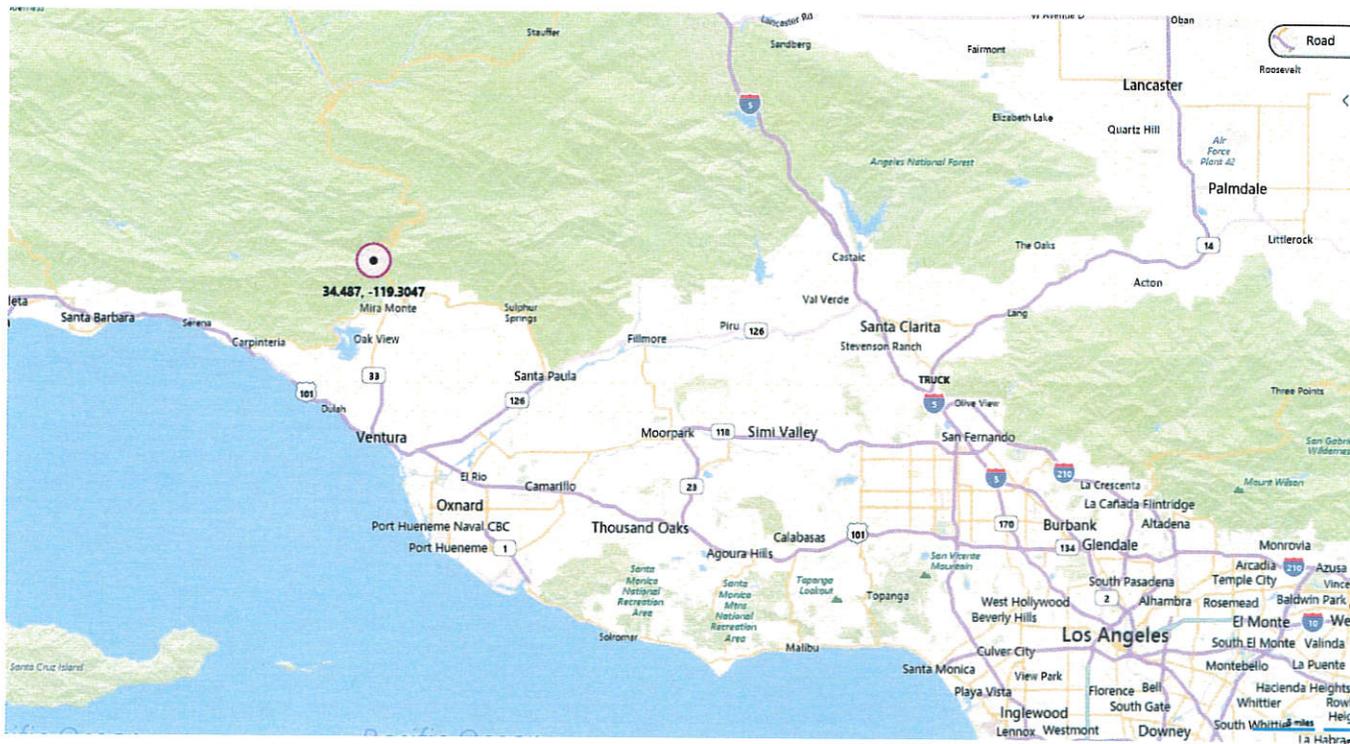
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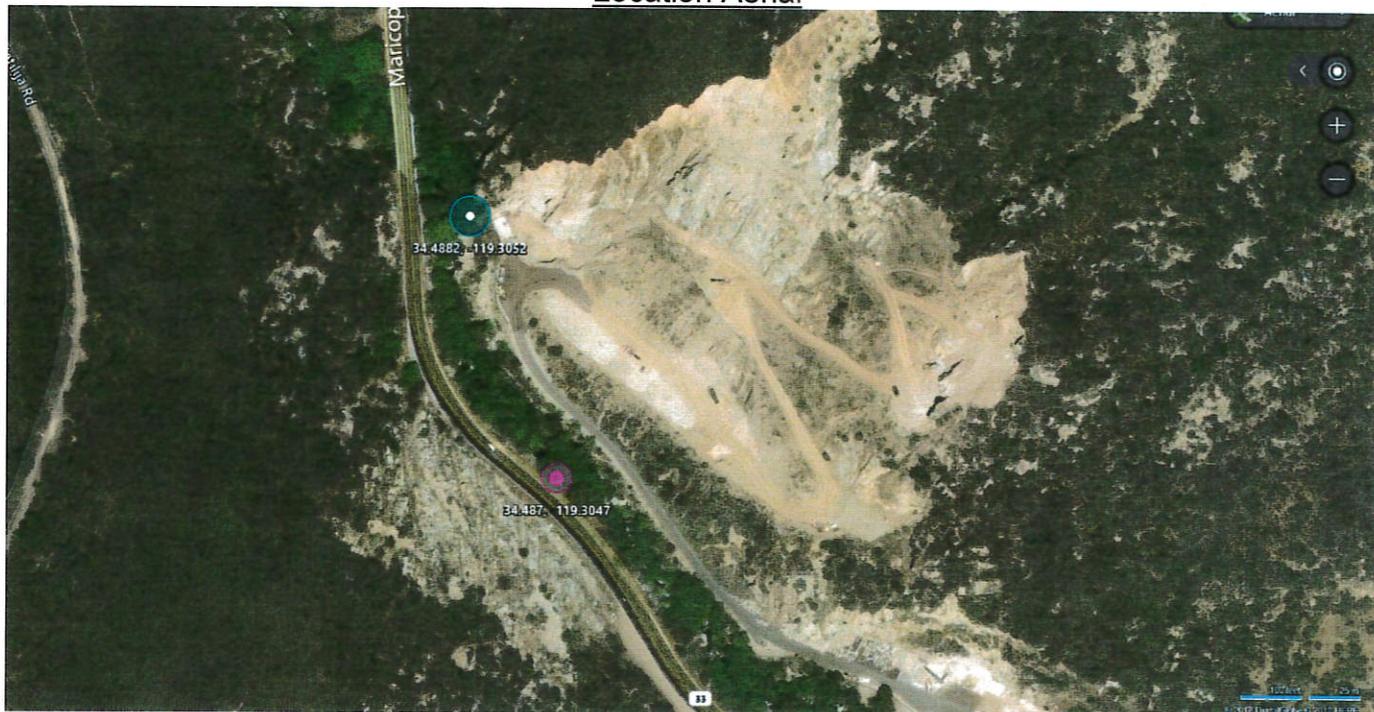
Attachment A  
Project Maps, Aerials, Plans, and Images

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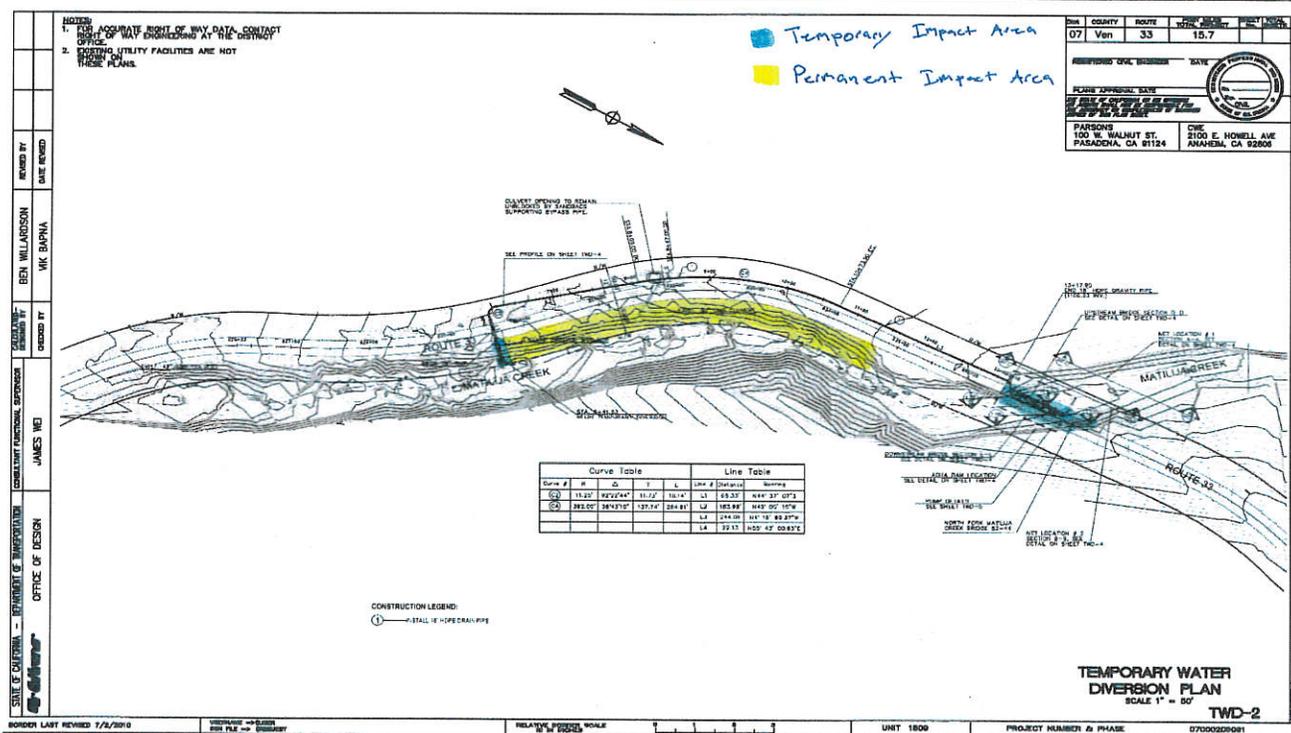
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Location Aerial



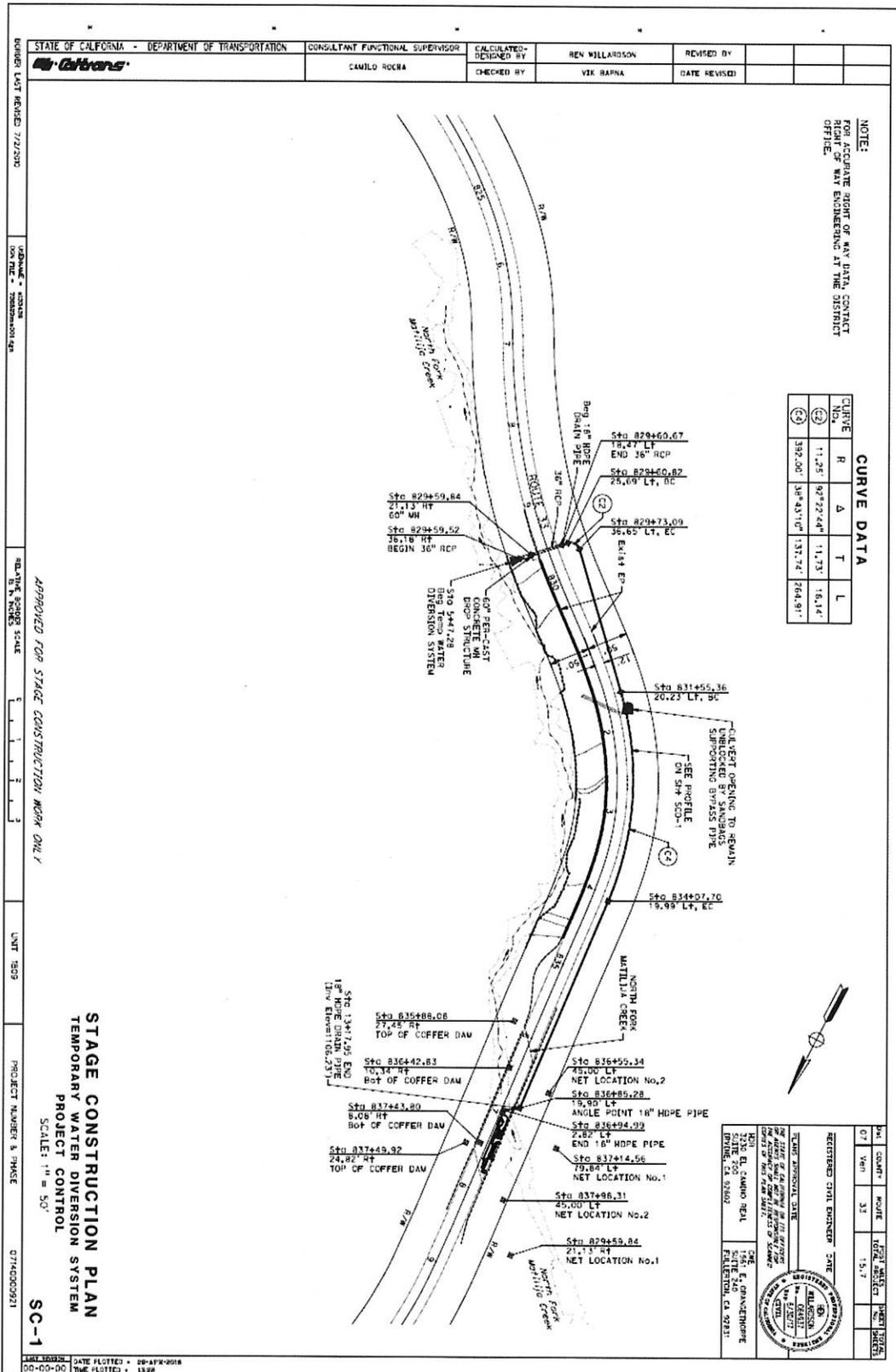
Permanent and Temporary Impacts



Soil Nail Wall



Water Diversion



Site Images



Figure 1. Photo of Upstream Bridge Abutment on South Side of Bridge

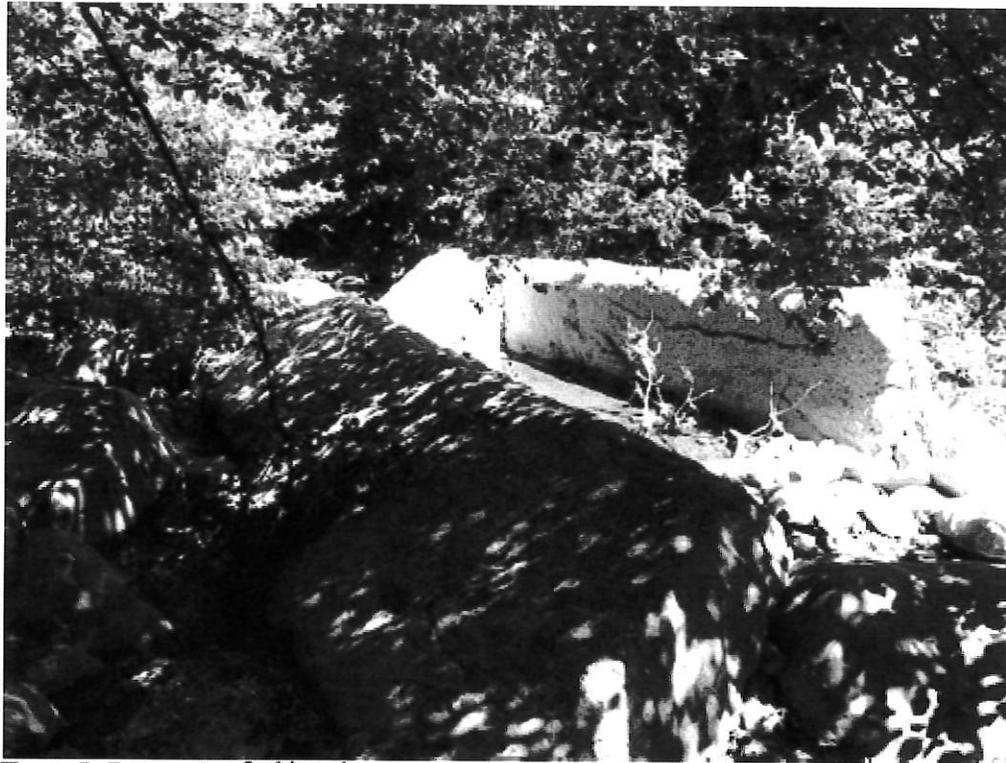


Figure 2. Remnants of Old Bridge Piers



Figure 3. Step and Pool Just Upstream of Old Bridge Piers



Figure 4. Next Upstream Pool and Step

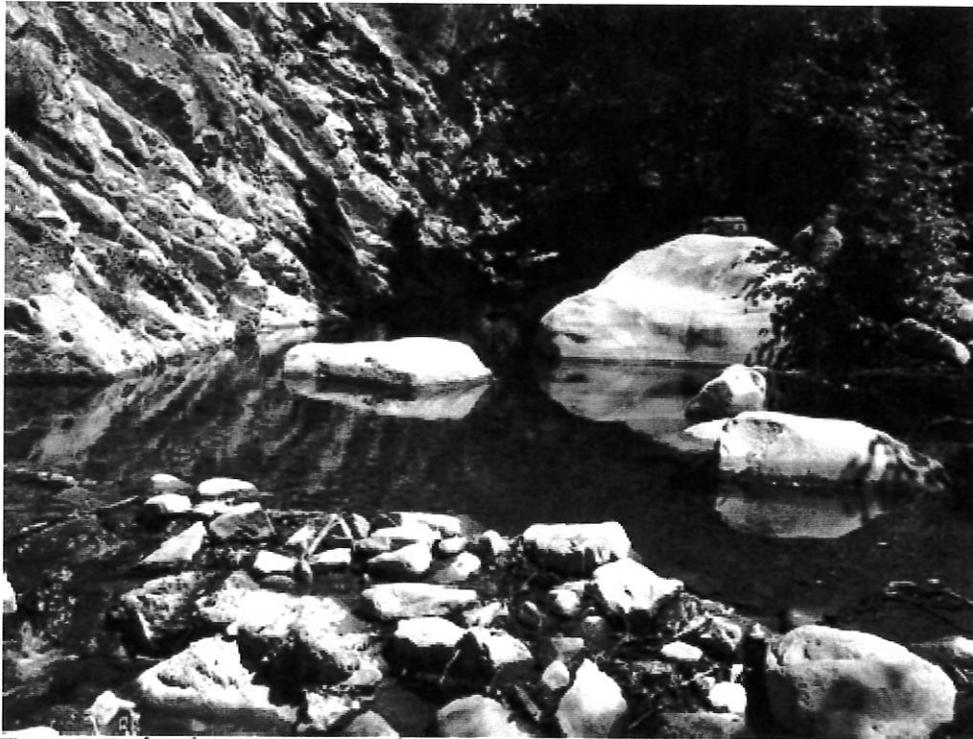


Figure 5. Pool and Step Approximately 300 Feet Upstream of Bridge

Attachment B  
Signatory Requirements

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## SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

*All Documents Submitted In Compliance With This Order  
Shall Meet The Following Signatory Requirements:*

1. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) must be signed and certified as follows:
  - a) For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer of at least the level of vice-president.
  - b) For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or proprietor, respectively.
  - c) For a municipality, or a state, federal, or other public agency, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
2. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in items 1.a through 1.c above may sign documents if:
  - a) The authorization is made in writing by a person described in items 1.a through 1.c above.
  - b) The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated activity.
  - c) The written authorization is submitted to the State Water Board Staff Contact prior to submitting any documents listed in item 1 above.
3. Any person signing a document under this section shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."



### Copies of this Form

In order to identify your project, it is necessary to include a copy of the Project specific Cover Sheet below with your report: please retain for your records

### Report Submittal Instructions

1. Check the box on the Report and Notification Cover Sheet next to the report or notification you are submitting.
  - **Part A (Annual Report):** This report will be submitted annually from the anniversary of Project effective date until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued.
  - **Part B (Project Status Notifications):** Used to notify the Los Angeles Water Board of the status of the Project schedule that may affect Project billing.
  - **Part C (Conditional Notifications and Reports):** Required on a case by case basis for accidental discharges of hazardous materials, violation of compliance with water quality standards, notification of in-water work, or other reports.
2. Sign the Report and Notification Cover Sheet and attach all information requested for the Report Type.
3. **Electronic Report Submittal Instructions:**
  - Submit signed Report and Notification Cover Sheet and required information via email to: [Dana.Cole@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Dana.Cole@waterboards.ca.gov)
  - Include in the subject line of the email:  
Subject: ATTN: Dana Cole; File No: 16-163, Reg. Measure ID: 418383 Report

### Definition of Reporting Terms

1. **Active Discharge Period:** The active discharge period begins with the effective date of this Order and ends on the date that the Permittee receives a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or, if no post-construction monitoring is required, a Notice of Project Complete Letter. The Active Discharge Period includes all elements of the Project including site construction and restoration, and any Permittee responsible compensatory mitigation construction.
2. **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Los Angeles Water Board staff pertains to projects that have post construction monitoring requirements, e.g. if site restoration was required to be monitored for 5 years following construction. Los Angeles Water Board staff will review the request and send a Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee upon approval. This letter will initiate the post-discharge monitoring period and a change in fees from the annual active discharge fee to the annual post-discharge monitoring fee.
3. **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Los Angeles Water Board staff pertains to projects that either have completed post-construction monitoring and achieved performance standards or have no post-construction monitoring requirements, and no further Project activities are planned. Los Angeles Water Board staff will review the request and send a Project Complete

Letter to the Permittee upon approval. Termination of annual invoicing of fees will correspond with the date of this letter.

4. **Post-Discharge Monitoring Period:** The post-discharge monitoring period begins on the date of the Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter and ends on the date of the Notice of Project Complete Letter issued by the Los Angeles Water Board staff. The Post-Discharge Monitoring Period includes continued water quality monitoring or compensatory mitigation monitoring.
5. **Effective Date:** Date of Order issuance.

### Map/Photo Documentation Information

When submitting maps or photos, please use the following formats.

#### 1. **Map Format Information:**

Preferred map formats of at least 1:24000 (1" = 2000') detail (listed in order of preference):

- **GIS shapefiles:** The shapefiles must depict the boundaries of all project areas and extent of aquatic resources impacted. Each shape should be attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Features and boundaries should be accurate to within 33 feet (10 meters). Identify datum/projection used and if possible, provide map with a North American Datum of 1983 (NAD38) in the California Teale Albers projection in feet.
- **Google KML files** saved from Google Maps: My Maps or Google Earth Pro. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Include URL(s) of maps. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- **Other electronic format** (CAD or illustration format) that provides a context for location (inclusion of landmarks, known structures, geographic coordinates, or USGS DRG or DOQQ). Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- Aquatic resource maps marked on paper **USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps** or **Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQ)** printouts. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.

2. **Photo-Documentation:** Include a unique identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions.

**REPORT AND NOTIFICATION COVER SHEET**

**Project:** VEN-33 Soil Nail Wall

**Permittee:** Caltrans

**Reg. Meas. ID:** 84383

**Place ID:** 843214

**File No:** 17-163

**Report Type Submitted**

**Part A – Project Reporting**

**Report Type**  **Annual Report**

**Part B - Project Status Notifications**

**Report Type**  **Commencement of Construction**

**Report Type**  **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter**

**Report Type**  **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter**

**Part C - Conditional Notifications and Reports**

**Report Type**  **Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report**

**Report Type**  **Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report**

**Report Type**  **In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report**

**Report Type**  **Modifications to Project Report**

**Report Type**  **Transfer of Property Ownership Report**

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

Print Name <sup>1</sup>

Affiliation and Job Title

Signature

Date

**<sup>1</sup>STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION (include if authorization has changed since application was submitted)**

I hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to act in my behalf as my representative in the submittal of this report, and to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of this submittal.

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Permittee's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*This Report and Notification Cover Sheet must be signed by the Permittee or a duly authorized representative and included with all written submittals.**

**Part A – Project Reporting**

<b>Report Type</b>	<b>Annual Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify the Los Angeles Water Board staff of Project status during both the active discharge and post-discharge monitoring periods.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Annual reports shall be submitted each year on the anniversary of the Project effective date. Annual reports shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<p>The contents of the annual report shall include the topics indicated below for each project period. Report contents are outlined in Annual Report Topics below.</p> <p><b><u>During the Active Discharge Period</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Topic 1: Construction Summary</b></li> <li>• <b>Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status</b></li> <li>• <b>Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>During the Post-Discharge Monitoring Period</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status</b></li> <li>• <b>Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status</b></li> </ul>
<b>Annual Report Topics (1-3)</b>	
<b>Annual Report Topic 1</b>	<b>Construction Summary</b>
<b>When to Submit</b>	With the annual report during the Active Discharge Period.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction storm water best management practices (BMPs). If construction has not started, provide estimated start date and reasons for delay.</li> <li>2. Map showing general Project progress.</li> <li>3. If applicable: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Summary of Conditional Notification and Report Types 6 and 7 (Part C below).</li> <li>b. Summary of Certification Deviations. See Certification Deviation Attachment for further information.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Annual Report Topic 2</b>	<b>Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status</b>
<b>When to Submit</b>	With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.

<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planned date of initiation and map showing locations of mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and all upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.</li> <li>2. If mitigation for temporary impacts has already commenced, provide a map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the restoration plan.</li> </ol>
<b>Annual Report Topic 3</b>	<b>Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status</b>
<b>When to Submit</b>	With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<p><b>*If not applicable report N/A.</b></p> <p><b>Part A. Permittee Responsible</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planned date of initiation of compensatory mitigation site installation.</li> <li>2. If installation is in progress, a map of what has been completed to date.</li> <li>3. If the compensatory mitigation site has been installed, provide a final map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the compensatory mitigation plan.</li> </ol> <p><b>Part B. Mitigation Bank or In-Lieu Fee</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status or proof of purchase of credit types and quantities.</li> <li>2. Include the name of bank/ILF Program and contact information.</li> <li>3. If ILF, location of project and type if known.</li> </ol>

## Part B – Project Status Notifications

<b>Report Type</b>	<b>Commencement of Construction</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify Los Angeles Water Board staff prior to the start of construction.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Must be received at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Date of commencement of construction.</li> <li>2. Anticipated date when discharges to waters of the state will occur.</li> <li>3. Project schedule milestones including a schedule for onsite compensatory mitigation, if applicable.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type</b>	<b>Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify Los Angeles Water Board staff that post-construction monitoring is required and that active Project construction, including any mitigation and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation, is complete.

<b>When to Submit</b>	Must be received by Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.</li> <li>2. Status of post-construction storm water BMP installation.</li> <li>3. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all Project activity sites where the discharge of dredge and/or fill/excavation was authorized.</li> <li>4. Summary of Certification Deviation discharge quantities compared to initial authorized impacts to waters of the state, if applicable.</li> <li>5. An updated monitoring schedule for mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation during the post-discharge monitoring period, if applicable.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type</b>	<b>Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notify Los Angeles Water Board staff that construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, or is not required, and no further Project activity is planned.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Must be received by Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<p><b>Part A: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for Project site upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.</li> <li>2. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for restored areas of temporary impacts to waters of the state. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all restoration sites.</li> </ol> <p><b>Part B: Permittee Responsible Compensatory Mitigation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the compensatory mitigation plan have been met.</li> <li>4. Status on the implementation of the long-term maintenance and management plan and funding of endowment.</li> <li>5. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all compensatory mitigation sites.</li> <li>6. Final maps of all compensatory mitigation areas (including buffers).</li> </ol> <p><b>Part C: Post-Construction Storm Water BMPs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Date of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.</li> <li>8. Report status and functionality of all post-construction BMPs.</li> </ol>

**Part C – Conditional Notifications and Reports**

<b>Report Type</b>	<b>Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff that an accidental discharge of hazardous material has occurred.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Within five (5) working days following the date of an accidental discharge. Continue reporting as required by Los Angeles Water Board staff.
<b>Report Contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The report shall include the OES Incident/Assessment Form, a full description and map of the accidental discharge incident (i.e. location, time and date, source, discharge constituent and quantity, aerial extent, and photo documentation). If applicable, the OES Written Follow-Up Report may be substituted.</li> <li>2. If applicable, any required sampling data, a full description of the sampling methods including frequency/dates and times of sampling, equipment, locations of sampling sites.</li> <li>3. Locations and construction specifications of any barriers, including silt curtains or diverting structures, and any associated trenching or anchoring.</li> </ol>

<b>Report Type</b>	<b>Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff that a violation of compliance with water quality standards has occurred.
<b>When to Submit</b>	The Permittee shall report any event that causes a violation of water quality standards within three (3) working days of the noncompliance event notification to Los Angeles Water Board staff.
<b>Report Contents</b>	The report shall include: the cause; the location shown on a map; and the period of the noncompliance including exact dates and times. If the noncompliance has not been corrected, include: the anticipated time it is expected to continue; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and any monitoring results if required by Los Angeles Water Board staff.

<b>Report Type</b>	<b>In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff of the completion of in-water work.
<b>When to Submit</b>	Within three (3) working days following the completion of in-water work. Continue reporting in accordance with the approved water quality monitoring plan.
<b>Report Contents</b>	As required by the approved water quality monitoring plan.

Report Type	Modifications to Project Report
Report Purpose	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff if the Project, as described in the application materials, is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.
When to Submit	If Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.
Report Contents	A description and location of any alterations to Project implementation. Identification of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with the Order.

Report Type	Transfer of Property Ownership Report
Report Purpose	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff of change in ownership of the Project or Permittee-responsible mitigation area.
When to Submit	At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of ownership.
Report Contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A statement that the Permittee has provided the purchaser with a copy of this Order and that the purchaser understands and accepts:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Order's requirements and the obligation to implement them or be subject to administrative and/or civil liability for failure to do so; and</li> <li>b. responsibility for compliance with any long-term BMP<sup>2</sup> maintenance plan requirements in this Order.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. A statement that the Permittee has informed the purchaser to submit a written request to the Los Angeles Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order.</li> </ol>

<sup>2</sup> Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control.