



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER WQ 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGE OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, BIG MORONGO BOARDWALK REPAIRS PROJECT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, WDID NO. 7A363072001

Dear Ali Ibrahim,

On November 5, 2025, San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department (Discharger) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order WQ 2004-0004-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste discharge Requirements for Dredge or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction* (General WDRs). The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds that the dredge or fill discharges associated with the Big Morongo Boardwalk Repairs Project (Project) meet the requirements for enrollment under the General WDRs. The Project is hereby enrolled under the General WDRs, and the Discharger may proceed with the Project in accordance therewith.

A copy of the General WDRs is attached to this Notice of Applicability (NOA) and can also be found on the [State Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf.

VIVIAN PEREZ, CHAIR | MICHAEL PLACENCIA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of the General WDRs. You are responsible for complying with all applicable requirements. Failure to comply with the General WDRs constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, IMPACTS, AND MITIGATION

The Project involves repair and replacement of an existing boardwalk trail. The trail spans five (5) miles with raised boardwalk sections alternating with an earthen trail. In-kind repair and replacement of top decking and pilings will take place at five (5) sites along the boardwalk. Vegetation removal, excavation, and minor grading will be completed with hand tools and materials will be transported using power wheelbarrows. No activities are planned to occur outside the existing boardwalk footprint. New pilings will be placed in or immediately adjacent to existing holes. Excavations of up to eight (8) feet deep are anticipated for piling foundations and will be performed using hand-operated augers and shovels.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.018 acres (98 linear feet) of jurisdictional waters of the state within Big Morongo Creek. No permanent impacts will occur. No compensatory mitigation is required since no permanent impacts are associated with the project and temporary impacts will not change the functions or values of the waters.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located in Big Morongo Regional Park in Morongo Valley, San Bernardino County, California. The latitude and longitude of the Project site(s) are listed below in Table 1. Maps showing the Project locations and areas of impacted waters are found in Attachment A: Project Maps

Table 1: Project Site Locations

Site	Latitude	Longitude
Site 1	34.048679° N	116.567937° W
Site 2	34.0485148° N	116.5682912° W
Site 3	34.0478086° N	116.5678010° W
Site 4	34.0474639° N	116.5672796° W
Site 5	34.047214° N	116.567151° W

FEES RECEIVED

An application fee of \$4,212 was received on November 17, 2025. 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 a Category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The Project consists of repair and replacement of an existing pedestrian trail and involves negligible or no expansion of former use. The Colorado River Basin Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from the procedural requirements of CEQA (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.; Pub. Resources Code, § 21084; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300 et seq.) under a Class 1 categorical exemption for "Existing Facilities" (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301(c)) and no exceptions to these exemptions apply (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300.2).

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

The Discharger shall implement all measures identified in the NOI and supplemental materials to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to waters of the state and comply with all applicable conditions in the General WDRs.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

Upon completion of the Project, the Discharger shall submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be un-enrolled from the General WDRs. The NOT form can be found in Attachment 2 of the General WDRs.

If you require further assistance, please contact Logan Raub, 401 Water Quality Certification Program Manager via phone at (760) 776-8966 or email at Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Michael Placencia
Executive Officer
Colorado River Basin
Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department
Big Morongo Boardwalk Repairs Project

WDID: 7A363072001
Reg. Meas. ID: 463375
Place ID: 903632

Enclosures: 1) Attachment A Project Maps
2) State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

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Boardwalk Repairs Project, Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

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Attachment A
Project Maps

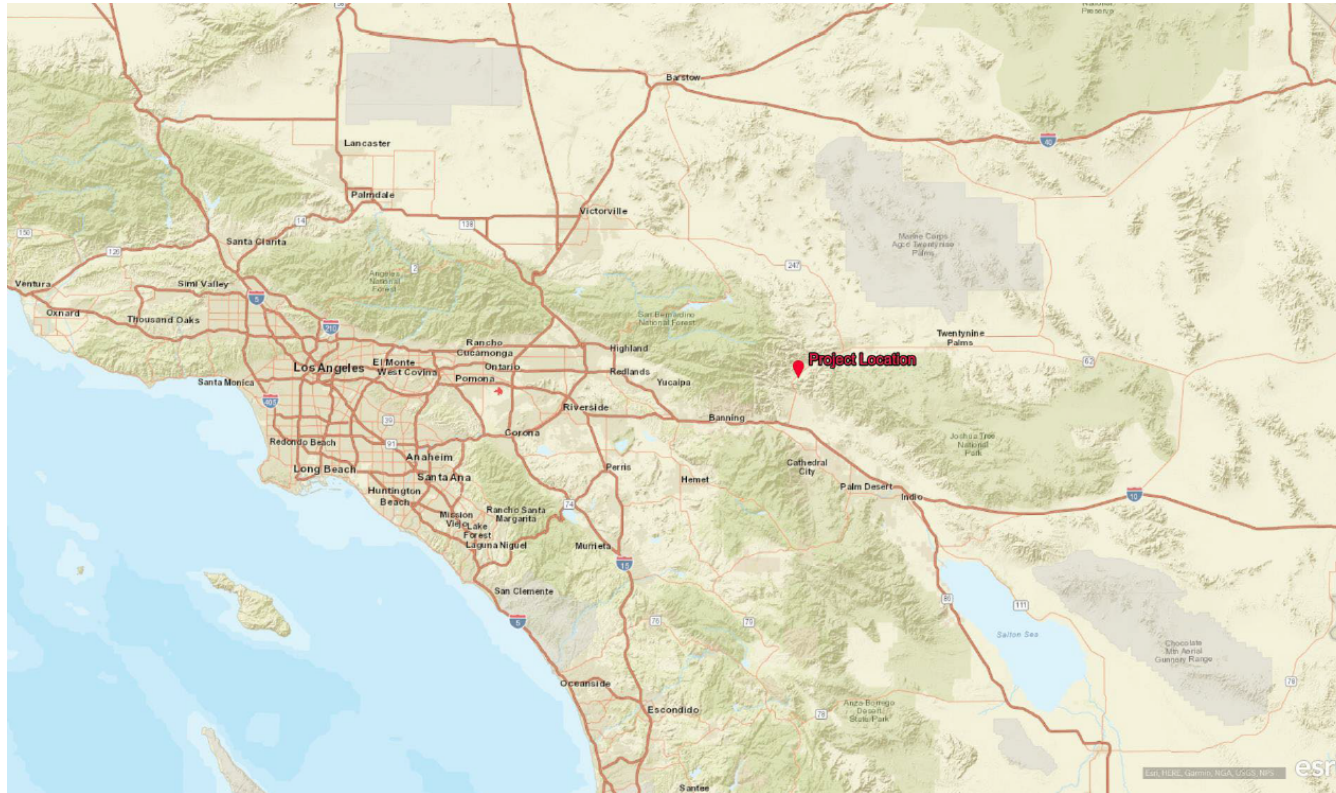


Figure 1. Regional map showing the Project location¹.

¹ Figures and photos submitted with the Notice of Intent (NOI) Form and supplemental materials for the Big Morongo Boardwalk Repairs Project received by Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board on November 5, 2025.

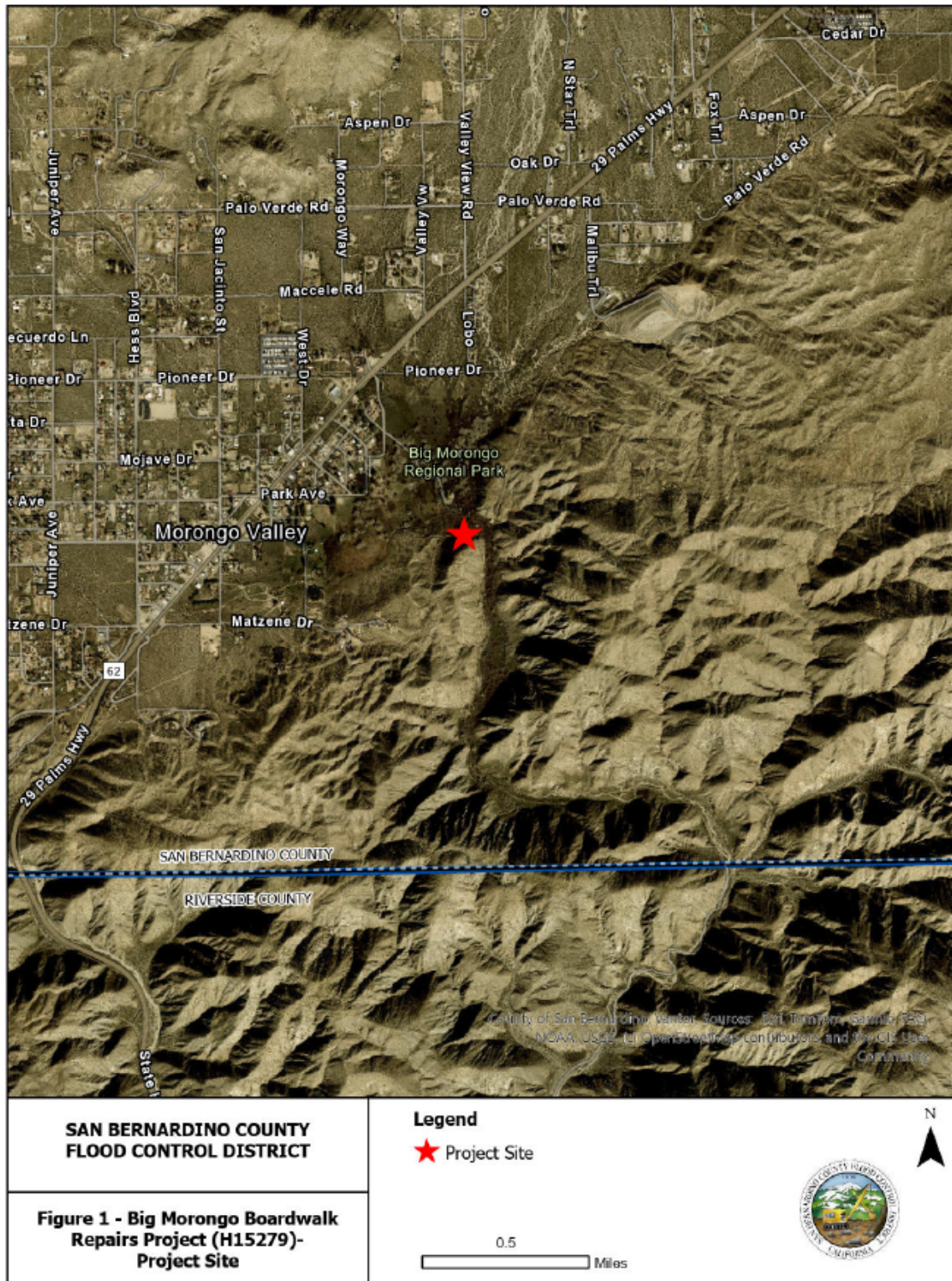


Figure 2. Local map showing the Project site.

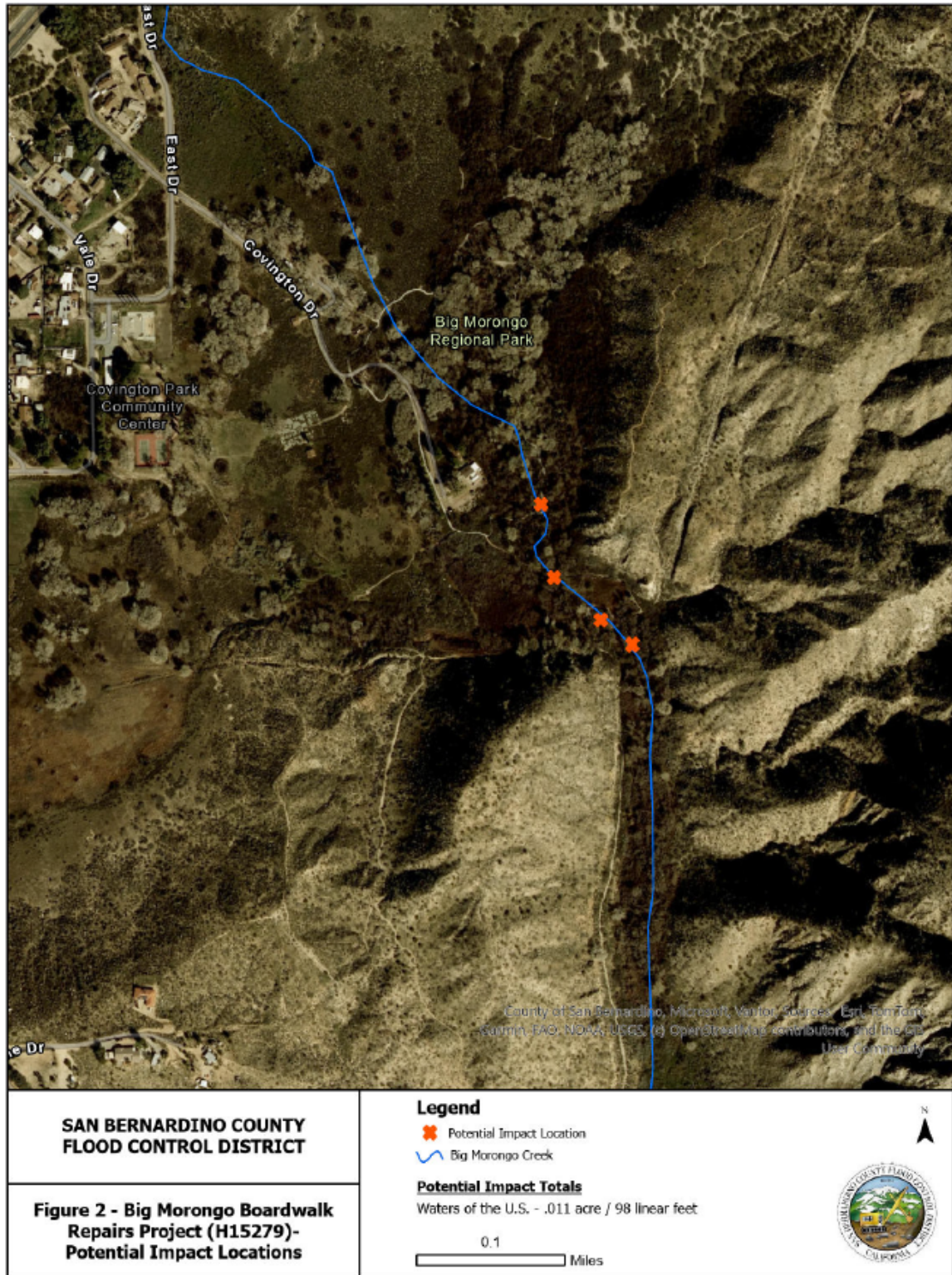


Figure 3. Big Morongo Creek and four (4) of the five (5) impact sites.



Figure 4. The existing boardwalk trail footprint and four (4) of the five (5) impact sites.



Figure 5. Locations of all five (5) Project impact sites.



Figure 6. Photograph showing the boardwalk pilings that will be replaced at site 3.



Figure 7. Photograph showing the boardwalk deck that will be replaced at Site 4 .

State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

A copy of [Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) can also be found on the [State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html).