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January 24, 2010

Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested Article Number: 7010 1060 0000 4952

Ms. Tamara Spear San Diego Gas & Electric 8315 Century Park Court, CP21E San Diego, CA 92123

In reply refer to: 756648: mporter

Dear Ms. Spear:

Subject: Action on Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the **Reconductor Project from Rose Canyon to Eastgate – Replacement of Poles** Water Quality Certification No. 10C-080

Enclosed find Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) for discharge to Waters of the U.S. and acknowledgment of enrollment under State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2003-017 DWQ for the **Reconductor Project from Rose Canyon to Eastgate – Replacement of Poles** (project). A description of the project and project location can be found in the project information sheet, project location map, and project site maps, which are included as Attachments 1 through 5.

Any petition for reconsideration of this Certification must be filed with the State Water Resources Control Board within 30 days of certification action (23 CCR § 3867). If no petition is received, it will be assumed that San Diego Gas & Electric has accepted and will comply with all the conditions of this Certification.

Failure to comply with all conditions of this Certification may subject you to enforcement actions by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, including administrative enforcement orders requiring you to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative civil liability in amounts of up to \$10,000 per day per violation; referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and, referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

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Tamara Spear, SDG&E 401 Certification 10C-080 Page 2 of 2

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "**In reply refer to:**" information located in the heading of this letter. For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Mike Porter at (858) 467-4726 or mporter@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

DAVID W. GIBŠON Executive Officer

Enclosures:

Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification No. 10C-080 for Reconductor Project from Rose Canyon to Eastgate – Replacement of Poles, with 5 attachments

cc: Refer to Attachment 2 of Certification 10C-080 for Distribution List.

Tech Staff	Info & Use
File No.	10C-080
WDID	9000002138
Reg. Measure ID	375790
Place ID	756648
Party ID	522111
Person ID	520549



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Action on Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge of Dredged and/or Fill Materials

# PROJECT: Reconductor Project from Rose Canyon to Eastgate – Replacement of Poles, Certification Number: 10C-080

APPLICANT: Tamara Spear San Diego Gas & Electric 8315 Century Park Court, CP21E San Diego, CA 92123

CIWQS	
WDID:	9000002138
Reg. Meas	. ID: 375790
Place ID:	756648
Party ID:	520549

## ACTION:

ACTION.	
☑ Order for Low Impact Certification	Order for Denial of Certification
Order for Technically-conditioned	Waiver of Waste Discharge
Certification	Requirements
☑ Enrollment in SWRCB GWDR	Enrollment in Isolated Waters Order
Order No. 2003-017 DWQ	No. 2004-004 DWQ

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed project is the replacement of two deteriorating wooden poles with new steel poles and new pole top hardware, cross arm, conductor and insulators within three feet of the existing poles. The existing poles will be cut at ground level. The line will then be re-strung with upgraded wiring. A crane will be used to remove the existing poles, and replace the new poles. A path from the access road to each of the poles, and two stringing sites will also be mowed and trimmed. All work will occur within an existing utility easement and work will be scheduled to avoid rain events. The poles are located in the City of San Diego on the east side of Rose Canyon Open Space. The poles are located west of Genessee Avenue and directly east of La Jolla Colony Drive. The project will temporarily impact 0.0016 acre (68 square feet) of ACOE Jurisdictional Wetland and 0.0031 acre (136 square feet) of streambed. The project will permanently impact 0.00092 acre (4 square feet) of ACOE Jurisdictional Wetland and 0.00018 acre (8 square feet) of streambed.

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# STANDARD CONDITIONS:

The following three standard conditions apply to <u>all</u> Certification actions, except as noted under Condition 3 for denials (Action 3).

- 1. This Certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to section 13330 of the California Water Code and section 3867 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR).
- 2. This Certification action is not intended and must not be construed to apply to any discharge from 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 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. The validity of any non-denial Certification action (Actions 1 and 2) must be conditioned upon total payment of the full fee required under 23 CCR section 3833, unless otherwise stated in writing by the certifying agency.

# ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

In addition to the three standard conditions, San Diego Gas & Electric must satisfy the following:

## A. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- San Diego Gas & Electric must, at all times, fully comply with the engineering plans, specifications and technical reports submitted to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), to support this Certification and all subsequent submittals required as part of this Certification and as described in Attachment 1. The conditions within this Certification must supersede conflicting provisions within such plans submitted prior to the Certification action. Any modifications thereto, would require notification to the San Diego Water Board and reevaluation for individual Waste Discharge Requirements and/or Certification amendment.
- 2. During construction, San Diego Gas & Electric must maintain a copy of this Certification at the project site so as to be available at all times to site personnel and agencies.
- 3. San Diego Gas & Electric must permit the San Diego Water Board or its authorized representative at all times, upon presentation of credentials:

- a. Entry onto project premises, including all areas on which wetland fill or wetland mitigation is located or in which records are kept.
- b. Access to copy any records required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this Certification.
- c. Inspection of any treatment equipment, monitoring equipment, or monitoring method required by this Certification.
- d. Sampling of any discharge or surface water covered by this Order.
- 4. San Diego Gas & Electric must notify the San Diego Water Board within 24 hours of any unauthorized discharge, including hazardous or toxic materials, to waters of the U.S. and/or State; measures that were implemented to stop and contain the discharge; measures implemented to clean-up the discharge; the volume and type of materials discharged and recovered; and additional best management practices (BMPs) or other measures that will be implemented to prevent future discharges.
- 5. San Diego Gas & Electric must, at all times, maintain appropriate types and sufficient quantities of materials onsite to contain any spill or inadvertent release of materials that may cause a condition of pollution or nuisance if the materials reach waters of the U.S. and/or State.
- 6. This Certification is not transferable in its entirety or in part to any person except after notice to the Executive Officer of the San Diego Water Board in accordance with the following terms.
  - a. Transfer of Property Ownership: San Diego Gas & Electric must notify the San Diego Water Board of any change in ownership of the project area. Notification of change in ownership must include, but not be limited to, a statement that San Diego Gas & Electric has provided the purchaser with a copy of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification and that the purchaser understands and accepts the certification requirements and the obligation to implement them or be subject to liability for failure to do so; the seller and purchaser must sign and date the notification and provide such notification to the Executive officer of the San Diego Water Board within **10 days** of the transfer of ownership.
  - b. Transfer of Mitigation Responsibility: Any notification of transfer of responsibilities to satisfy the mitigation requirements set forth in this Certification shall include a signed statement from an authorized representative of the new party (transferee) demonstrating acceptance and understanding of the responsibility to comply with and fully satisfy the mitigation conditions and agreement that failure to comply with the mitigation conditions and associated requirements may subject the transferee to enforcement by the San Diego Water Board under Water

Code section 13385, subdivision (a). Notification of transfer of responsibilities meeting the above conditions must be provided to the San Diego Water Board within **10 days** of the transfer date.

- 7. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Certification, the violation or threatened violation must 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.
- 8. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Certification, the San Diego Water Board 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 San Diego Water Board deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports must bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports.
- 9. In response to any violation of the conditions of this Certification, the San Diego Water Board may add to or modify the conditions of this Certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.
- **B. PROJECT CONDITIONS:**
- 1. Prior to the start of the project, and annually thereafter, San Diego Gas & Electric must educate all personnel on the requirements in this Certification, pollution prevention measures, spill response, and BMP implementation and maintenance.
- San Diego Gas & Electric must comply with the requirements of State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges of dredged or fill material that have received State Water Quality Certification. These General Waste Discharge Requirements are accessible at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/general orders/go\_wdr401regulated\_projects.pdf.
- 3. San Diego Gas & Electric must notify the San Diego Water Board in writing at least **5 days** prior to the actual commencement of dredge, fill, and discharge activities.

- 4. The treatment, storage, and disposal of wastewater during the life of the project must be done in accordance with waste discharge requirements established by the San Diego Water Board pursuant to CWC § 13260.
- 5. Discharges of concentrated flow during construction or after completion must not cause downstream erosion or damage to properties or stream habitat.
- 6. Water containing mud, silt, or other pollutants from equipment washing or other activities, must not be discharged to waters of the U.S. and/or the State or placed in locations that may be subjected to storm flows. Pollutants discharged to areas within a stream diversion area must be removed at the end of each work day or sooner if rain is predicted. BMPs must be implemented to prevent such discharges during each project activity.
- 7. Substances hazardous to aquatic life including, but not limited to, petroleum products, raw cement/concrete, asphalt, and coating materials, must be prevented from contaminating the soil and/or entering waters of the U.S. and/or State. BMPs must be implemented to prevent such discharges during each project activity involving hazardous materials.
- 8. Removal of vegetation must occur by hand, mechanically, or using EPA approved herbicides deployed using applicable BMPs to prevent impacts to Beneficial Uses of waters of the State. Removal of vegetation must occur outside of the avian nesting season (March 15- August 31).

## C. COMPENSATORY MITIGATION FOR LOSS OF WATERS OF THE U.S./STATE

- Mitigation for temporary impacts to 0.0016 acre (68 square feet) of wetland and 0.0031 acre (136 square feet) of streambed must be achieved by the onsite restoration of the project area to pre-project conditions. Restoration must include revegetation of disturbed areas with native species to pre-project conditions. San Diego Gas & Electric must implement all necessary BMPs to control erosion and runoff from areas associated with the project.
- 2. San Diego Gas & Electric must restore all areas of temporary impacts and all other areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the United States/State within one calendar year from initiation of the project.
- 3. For purposes of this Certification, establishment is defined as the creation of vegetated or unvegetated waters of the U.S./State where the resource has never previously existed (e.g. conversion of nonnative grassland to a freshwater marsh). Restoration is divided into two activities, re-establishment and rehabilitation. Re-establishment is defined as the return of natural/historic functions to a site where vegetated or unvegetated waters of

the U.S./State previously existed (e.g., removal of fill material to restore a drainage). Rehabilitation is defined as the improvement of the general suite of functions of degraded vegetated or unvegetated waters of the U.S./State (e.g., removal of a heavy infestation or monoculture of exotic plant species from jurisdictional areas and replacing with native species). Enhancement is defined as the improvement to one or two functions of existing vegetated or unvegetated waters of the U.S./State (e.g., removal of small patches of exotic plant species from an area containing predominantly natural plant species). Preservation is defined as the acquisition and legal protection from future impacts in perpetuity of existing vegetated or unvegetated waters of the U.S./State (e.g., conservation easement).

#### D. STREAM PHOTO DOCUMENTATION PROCEDURE

 San Diego Gas & Electric, and its successors, must conduct photo documentation of the project site, including all areas of permanent and temporary impact, prior to and after project construction, and mitigation areas, including all areas of permanent and temporary impact, prior to and after project construction. Photo documentation must be conducted in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board Standard Operating Procedure 4.2.1.4: Stream Photo Documentation Procedure, included as Attachment Number 5. In addition, photo documentation must include Geographic Positioning System (GPS) coordinates for each of the photo points referenced. San Diego Gas & Electric must submit this information in a photo documentation report to the San Diego Water Board with the Mitigation, Maintenance, and Monitoring reports (see Condition D.25). The report must include a compact disc that contains digital files of all the photos (jpeg file type or similar).

#### E. REPORTING:

- 1. All information requested in this Certification is pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) section 13267. Civil liability may be administratively imposed by the San Diego Water Board for failure to furnish requested information pursuant to CWC section 13268.
- 2. All reports and information submitted to the San Diego Water Board must be submitted in both hardcopy and electronic format. The preferred electronic format for each report submission is one file in PDF format that is also Optical Character Recognition (OCR) capable.
- 3. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the San Diego 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.
- 4. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in Items 4.a. through 4.c. above may sign documents if:
  - a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in Items 4.a. through 4.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 San Diego Water Board Executive Officer.
- 5. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the San Diego Water Board must be signed and certified as follows:

"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."

6. San Diego Gas & Electric must submit reports required under this Certification, or other information required by the San Diego Water Board, to:

Executive Officer California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region Attn: 401 Certification; Project No. 10C-080 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, California 92123

8. Required Reports: The following list summarizes the reports required per the conditions of this Certification to be submitted to the San Diego Water Board.

Report Topic	Certification Condition	Due Date(s)
Spill Notification	A.4	Within 24 hours of discharge
Transfer of responsibility	A.6	Within 10 days of sale/transfer

Dredge/fill	B.3	5 days prior to dredge/fill
commencement		commencement
Stream Photo	D.1	Prior to and after project
Documentation		construction.

# **CEQA FINDINGS:**

- 1. The San Diego Water Board is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.,
- (CEQA)),and determined on September 28, 2010, that the Project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15301(14 CCR § 15301).
- The San Diego Water Board has reviewed the lead agency's Categorical Exemption and also finds that the project as proposed will not have a significant effect on the environment. The San Diego Water Board therefore determines that issuance of this Certification is consistent with the Categorical Exemption.

# PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT APPLICATION:

On September 7, 2010 receipt of the project application was posted on the San Diego Water Board web site to serve as appropriate notification to the public.

# **REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CONTACT PERSON:**

Mike Porter or Lucas Salazar California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123 858-467-4726 <u>mporter@waterboards.ca.gov</u> 858-467-3272 <u>Isalazar@waterboards.ca.gov</u>

# WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the proposed discharge from Reconductor Project from Rose Canyon to Eastgate – Replacement of Poles (Certification No. 10C-080) 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. This discharge is also regulated under State Water Board Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ, "Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges that have Received State Water Quality Certification (General WDRs)," which requires compliance with all conditions of this Water Quality Certification. Please note that enrollment under Order No. 2003-017 DWQ is conditional and, should new information come to our attention that indicates a water quality problem, the San Diego Water Board may issue waste discharge requirements at that time.

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Certification actions are contingent on (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the applicants' project description and/or on the attached Project Information Sheet, and (b) on compliance with all applicable requirements of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin Region (9) (Basin Plan).

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DAVID W. GIBSON Executive Officer Regional Water Quality Control Board

Attachments:

- 1. Project Information
- 2. Distribution List
- 3. Location Map
- 4. Site Map
- 5. Stream Photodocumentation Procedure



Project Identifiers						
WDID No:	9000002138					
Reg. Meas. ID:	375790					
Place ID:	756648					
Party ID:	756648					
USACOE No:						
Other File No:						

	PROJECT INFORMATION
	Details
Application Received Date:	09/04/2010
Application Completed Date:	09/15/2010
Additional Info Completed Date:	09/14/2010
Applicant:	Tamara Spear, San Diego Gas & Electric, 8315 Century Park Court, CP21E, San Diego, CA 92123
Applicant Representative(s):	
Project Title:	Reconductor Project from Rose Canyon to Eastgate – Replacement of Poles
Regulating Water Board:	San Diego, Region 9
Type of Project:	Utilities Overhead
Project Description:	
each of the poles, and two stringin existing utility easement and work	ig sites will also be mowed and trimmed. All work will occur within an will be scheduled to avoid rain events.
Čitv:	San Diego
County:	San Diego County
Cross Streets:	Southwest of La Jolla Colony Drive and Rosenda Court
Section, Township, Range:	Not included in the Public Land Survey System
Zip code:	92122
Directions:	Start south of Gilman Drive/La Jolla Colony Drive exit. Head north on I-5 North toward exit 27. Take exit 27 for Gilman Drive/La Jolla Colony Drive. Turn Right at La Jolla Colony Dr. Destination will be on right.
Latitude(s) and Longitude(s):	32.851944, -117.231361
	Public Notice
Water Board Public Notice: Inform website from September 7, 2010 to 0	ation regarding this project was noticed on the San Diego Water Board's October 5, 2010.

**Fees Application Fee Provided:** A certification fee of \$640.00 was submitted on September 7, 2010 as required by 23 CCR §3833b(2)(A) and by 23 CCR § 2200(e).



	HydrologicInformation
Receiving Water(s):	Rose Creek
Hydrologic:Unit(s):	906.40 Miramar Hydrologic Area
Water Body Type(s):	Streambed and Wetland

			Designate	d Benefic	ial Û	se(s)			
	AGR	COMM	FRSH	MIGR		RARE		SPWN	
	AQUA	CUL	GWR	MUN	X	REC-1	X	WARM	
	ASBS	EST	IND	NAV	X	REC-2		WET	
	BIOL	FISH	LWRM	POW		SAL	X	WILD	
Х	COLD	FLD	MAR	PRO		SHELL		WQE	

Candidate, Sensitive. or Special Status Species

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Other Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Plans

State:(IType)and Permit/License/Agreement/Number) California Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Agreement 1602, Kelly Fisher

Other County, City retc. (Type and Permit/License Number)

Any Required Documents or Plan Submittals (SWPPP, Mitigation & Monitoring, letc.)

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NEPArand/a	RECERA/Compliance
Documentitype	CEQA Notice of Exemption
Lead/Agency	San Diego Waterboard
Date completed	09/28/2010
State Cleaninghouse Number	

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Describe Potential Water Quality Impacts . .

Permanent impacts will result in the permanent fill of Wetlands and Streambed equivalent to the size of a utility electric pole. Temporary impacts will be caused in accessing the site and will temporarily disturb soil and vegetation.

		Final Proj	ectImpacts	((Eill)**5.5		
		Permanent		anse prim	Temporary	
. Waterbody <b>⊺ype</b>	Acres**	Linear Feet	Cubic Yards	-Acres**	Linear Feet	Cubic Yards
Lake						
Ocean						
Riparian						
Streambed	0.000018			0.0031		
Vernal Pool						
Wetland	0.000092			0.0016		

\* Include all three measurements (acres, linear feet and cubic yards) for all federal and non-federal waterbody types. \*\* Provide acres to three decimal places (e.g., 0.006).

	Finalle	roject Impa	¢is (Dredge*	<b>/Excavation</b>	)**	
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Waterbody lype	Acres***	Linear Feet	Cubic Yards	Acres***	Linear Feet	Cubic Yards
Lake						EC.
Ocean						
Riparian						
Streambed						
Vernal Rool						
Wetland						

\* For projects that will occur annually please provide the total volume to be dredged for the entire certification period (typically 5 years).

\*\* Include all three measurements (acres, linear feet and cubic yards) for all federal and non-federal waterbody types.

\*\*\* Provide acres to three decimal places (e.g., 0.006).

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	Perm	anent	Tiemp	orary	Perm	anent	Temp	orary
	Initial	Final	, Initial	Final	. Initial	Final	Initial	Final
Impacts (Acres)**								
* Include impacts to both federal and non-federal waters. ** Provide acres to three decimal places (e.g., 0.006).								



# MITIGATION

Describe Avoidance and Minimization for Impacts to Waters

To avoid impacts the two new poles will be replaced within three feet of the existing poles.

Minimization of impacts include the removing of utility poles using a crane, monitoring of the project by a qualified biologist, vegetation trimming instead of removal, no grading, and implementation of BMPs during rain events. Soil disturbance and sedimentation impacts will be minimized by stockpiling soil on a temporary solid board lined and covered with plastic, not scheduling work when there is a chance of rain greater than forty percent, and implementation of fiber rolls before a rain event.

Describe Compensatory Mitigation for Impacts to Waters (temporary and permanent):

Mitigation for all temporary impacts must be achieved by the restoration of the project area to preproject conditions.

# Compensatory Mitigation (Proponent Provided)

Waterbody Type	Ac Estab	res lished	Ac Rest	res ored	Aci Enha	res · · · nced ·	Ac Pres	res erved
anna a China an an	Temp.*	Perm.	Temp.*	Perm.	Temp.*	Perm.	Temp.*	Perm
Lake								
Ocean								
Riparian								
Streambed			0.0031					
Vernal Pool								
Wetland 😽 🐂			0.0016					2

\* Report as mitigation for temporary impacts at a 1:1 ratio any required conditions to restore the site (e.g., re-vegetating or re-contouring).

	Compensate	ny Militeration (Milit	gation(Bank)	
Waterbody Type	Acres	Acres Restored	Acres Enhanced	Acres Preserved
Lake				
Ocean			·	
Riparian				
Streambed				
VernallPool				
Welland				

	Compen	satory Milligation	(In=Lieu)	
Waterbody Type	Acres Established	Acres Restored	Acres Enhanced	Acres Preserved
Lake				
Ocean				
Riparian				
Streambed <sub>3</sub>		<b></b>		
Vernal Pool				
Wetland				



Proponent Provide	ed Mitigation Information (If Applicable)*
	Site 1 Site 2
Mitigation Site Location(s)	On-Site
Mitigation Site Lat/Long(s)	32.851944, -117.231361
Name of Watershed & Hydrologic Unit	906.40 Miramar Hydrologic Area
Mitigation Site City and County:	San Diego and San Diego County

\*If more than two sites, please provide additional information in the additional information table located at the end of this form.

Mitigation	Bank Information ((If Applicable)*
	Bank 1 Bank 2
Mitigation Bank Name:	
Name of Mitigation Bank Operator:	
Address of Mitigation Bank Office:	
Mitigation Bank Location(s):	
Mitigation Bank Lat/Long(s)	
Name of Watershed & Hydrologic Unit:	
Mitigation Bank City and County.	
Mitigation, purchase amount ((\$);	

\*If more than two sites, please provide additional information in the additional information table located at the end of this form.

In=Lieu Mitigation Ir	formation (If Applicable	e))*
	Program 1	Program 2
Name of approved in-lieu feel mitigation sponsor.		
Address of In-lieu mitigation sponsors		
Description of in-lieu mitigation arrangements		
In-lieu mitigation location		
In-lieu:mitigation Lat/Long(s)		
In-lieu mitigation City and County		
Name of Watershed & Hydrologic Unit		•

\*If more than two sites, please provide additional information in the additional information table located at the end of this form.

Additional Mitigation	Information (Proponent, B	ank, or In-Lieu)
4.9 s	Site 1	(Site 2
Mitigation Site Name:		
Name of Mitigation Site Operator		
Address of Mitigation Site Office:		
Mitigation Site Location(s)		
Mitigation Site Lat/Long(s)		
Name of Watershed & Hydrologic Unit.		
Mitigation Site City and County		
Mitigation purchase amount (\$)		

# ATTACHMENT 2 DISTRIBUTION LIST

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch San Diego Field Office 6010 Hidden Valley Rd, Suite 105 San Diego, CA 92011-4213

California Department of Fish and Game South Coast Region Habitat Conservation Planning – South 4949 Viewridge Avenue San Diego, CA 92123

U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service 6010 Hidden Valley Road Carlsbad, CA 92011

U.S. EPA, OWOW, Region 9 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105 <u>R9-WTR8-Mailbox@epa.gov</u>

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality 401 Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Unit P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 Stateboard401@waterboards.ca.gov

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# ATTACHMENT 3 PROJECT LOCATION



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# ATTACHMENT 4 SITE MAP

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# ATTACHMENT 5 STREAM PHOTO DOCUMENTATION PROCEDURES

#### Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

#### **Stream Photo Documentation Procedure**

(CARCD 2001, Written by TAC Visual Assessments work group)

#### Introduction:

Photographs provide a qualitative, and potentially semi-quantitative, record of conditions in a watershed or on a water body. Photographs can be used to document general conditions on a reach of a stream during a stream walk, pollution events or other impacts, assess resource conditions over time, or can be used to document temporal progress for restoration efforts or other projects designed to benefit water quality. Photographic technology is available to anyone and it does not require a large degree of training or expensive equipment. Photos can be used in reports, presentations, or uploaded onto a computer website or GIS program. This approach is useful in providing a visual portrait of water resources to those who may never have the opportunity to actually visit a monitoring site.

#### Equipment:

Use the same camera to the extent possible for each photo throughout the duration of the project. Either 35 mm color or digital color cameras are recommended, accompanied by a telephoto lens. If you must change cameras during the program, replace the original camera with a similar one comparable in terms of media (digital vs. 35 mm) and other characteristics. A complete equipment list is suggested as follows:

#### Required:

- Camera and backup camera
- Folder with copies of previous photos (do not carry original photos in the field)
- Topographic and/or road map
- Aerial photos if available
- Compass
- Timepiece
- Extra film or digital disk capacity (whichever is applicable)
- Extra batteries for camera (if applicable)
- Photo-log data sheets or, alternatively, a bound notebook dedicated to the project
- Yellow photo sign form and black marker, or, alternatively, a small black board and chalk

#### Optional:

- GPS unit
- Stadia rod (for scale on landscape shots)
- Ruler (for scale on close up views of streams and vegetation)
- Steel fence posts for dedicating fixed photo points in the absence of available fixed landmarks

#### How to Access Aerial Photographs:

Aerial Photos can be obtained from the following federal agencies:

USGS Earth Science Information Center 507 National Center 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, VA 22092 800-USA-MAPS

USDA Consolidated Farm Service Agencies Aerial Photography Field Office 222 West 2300 South P.O. Box 30010 Salt Lake City, UT 84103-0010 801-524-5856

Cartographic and Architectural Branch National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road College park, MD 20740-6001 301-713-7040

#### **Roles and Duties of Team:**

The team should be comprised of a minimum of two people, and preferably three people for restoration or other water quality improvement projects, as follows:

- 1. Primary Photographer
- 2. Subject, target for centering the photo and providing scale
- 3. Person responsible for determining geographic position and holding the photo sign forms or blackboard.

One of these people is also responsible for taking field notes to describe and record photos and photo points.

#### Safety Concerns:

Persons involved in photo monitoring should **ALWAYS** put safety first. For safety reasons, always have at least two 2 volunteers for the survey. Make sure that the

area(s) you are surveying either are accessible to the public or that you have obtained permission from the landowner prior to the survey.

Some safety concerns that may be encountered during the survey include, but are not limited to:

- Inclement weather
- · Flood conditions, fast flowing water, or very cold water
- Poisonous plants (e.g.: poison oak)
- Dangerous insects and animals (e.g.: bees, rattlesnakes, range animals such as cattle, etc.)
- Harmful or hazardous trash (e.g.: broken glass, hypodermic needles, human feces)

We recommend that the volunteer coordinator or leader discuss the potential hazards with all volunteers prior to any fieldwork.

#### **General Instructions:**

From the inception of any photo documentation project until it is completed, always take each photo from the same position (photo point), and at the same bearing and vertical angle at that photo point. Photo point positions should be thoroughly documented, including photographs taken of the photo point. Refer to copies of previous photos when arriving at the photo point. Try to maintain a level (horizontal) camera view unless the terrain is sloped. (If the photo can not be horizontal due to the slope, then record the angle for that photo.) When photo points are first being selected, consider the type of project (meadow or stream restoration, vegetation management for fire control, ambient or event monitoring as part of a stream walk, etc.) and refer to the guidance listed on *Suggestions for Photo Points by Type of Project*.

When taking photographs, try to include landscape features that are unlikely to change over several years (buildings, other structures, and landscape features such as peaks, rock outcrops, large trees, etc.) so that repeat photos will be easy to position. Lighting is, of course, a key ingredient so give consideration to the angle of light, cloud cover, background, shadows, and contrasts. Close view photographs taken from the north (i.e., facing south) will minimize shadows. Medium and long view photos are best shot with the sun at the photographer's back. Some artistic expression is encouraged as some photos may be used on websites and in slide shows (early morning and late evening shots may be useful for this purpose). Seasonal changes can be used to advantage as foliage, stream flow, cloud cover, and site access fluctuate. It is often important to include a ruler, stadia rod, person, farm animal, or automobile in photos to convey the scale of the image. Of particular concern is the angle from which the photo is taken. Oftentimes an overhead or elevated shot from a bridge, cliff, peak, tree, etc. will be instrumental in conveying the full dimensions of the

project. Of most importance overall, however, is being aware of the goal(s) of the project and capturing images that clearly demonstrate progress towards achieving those goal(s). Again, reference to *Suggestions for Photo Points by Type of Project* may be helpful.

If possible, try to include a black board or yellow photo sign in the view, marked at a minimum with the location, subject, time and date of the photograph. A blank photo sign form is included in this document.

# **Recording Information:**

Use a systematic method of recording information about each project, photo point, and photo. The following information should be entered on the photo-log forms (blank form included in this document) or in a dedicated notebook:

- Project or group name, and contract number (if applicable, e.g., for funded restoration projects)
- General location (stream, beach, city, etc.), and short narrative description of project's habitat type, goals, etc.
- Photographer and other team members
- Photo number
- Date

- Time (for each photograph)
- Photo point information, including:
  - Name or other unique identifier (abbreviated name and/or ID number)
  - Narrative description of location including proximity to and direction from notable landscape features like roads, fence lines, creeks, rock outcrops, large trees, buildings, previous photo points, etc. – sufficient for future photographers who have never visited the project to locate the photo point
  - Latitude, longitude, and altitude from map or GPS unit
- Magnetic compass bearing from the photo point to the subject
- Specific information about the subject of the photo
- Optional additional information: a true compass bearing (corrected for declination) from photo point to subject, time of sunrise and sunset (check newspaper or almanac), and cloud cover.

For ambient monitoring, the stream and shore walk form should be attached or referenced in the photo-log.

When monitoring the implementation of restoration, fuel reduction, or Best Management Practices (BMP) projects, include or attach to the photo-log a narrative description of observable progress in achieving the goals of the project. Provide supplementary information along with the photo, such as noticeable changes in habitat, wildlife, and water quality and quantity. Archive all photos, along with the associated photo-log information, in a protected environment.

#### The Photo Point: Establishing Position of Photographer:

- 1. Have available a variety of methods for establishing position: maps, aerial photos, GPS, permanent markers and landmarks, etc. If the primary method fails (e.g., a GPS or lost marker post) then have an alternate method (map, aerial photo, copy of an original photograph of the photo-point, etc).
- Select an existing structure or landmark (mailbox, telephone pole, benchmark, large rock, etc.), identify its latitude and longitude, and choose (and record for future use) the permanent position of the photographer relative to that landmark. Alternatively, choose the procedure described in *Monitoring California's Annual Rangeland Vegetation* (UC/DANR Leaflet 21486, Dec. 1990). This procedure involves placing a permanently marked steel fence post to establish the position of the photographer.
- 3. For restoration, fuel reduction, and BMP projects, photograph the photopoints and carry copies of those photographs on subsequent field visits.

#### **Determining the Compass Bearing:**

- Select and record the permanent magnetic bearing of the photo center view. You can also record the true compass bearing (corrected for declination) but do not substitute this for the magnetic bearing. Include a prominent landmark in a set position within the view. If possible, have an assistant stand at a fixed distance from both the photographer and the center of the view, holding a stadia rod if available, within the view of the camera; preferably position the stadia rod on one established, consistent side of the view for each photo (right or left side).
- 2. Alternatively, use the procedure described in *Monitoring California's Annual Rangeland Vegetation* (UC/DANR Leaflet 21486, Dec. 1990). This procedure involves placing a permanently marked steel fence post to establish the position of the focal point (photo center).
- 3. When performing ambient or event photo monitoring, and when a compass is not available, then refer to a map and record the approximate bearing as north, south, east or west.

# Suggestions for Photo Points by Type of Project:

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# Ambient or Event Monitoring, Including Photography Associated with Narrative Visual Assessments:

- 1. When first beginning an ambient monitoring program take representative long and/or medium view photos of stream reaches and segments of shoreline being monitored. Show the positions of these photos on a map, preferably on the stream/shore walk form. Subjects to be photographed include a representative view of the stream or shore condition at the beginning and ending positions of the segment being monitored, storm drain outfalls, confluence of tributaries, structures (e.g., bridges, dams, pipelines, etc.).
- 2. If possible, take a close view photograph of the substrate (streambed), algae, or submerged aquatic vegetation.
- 3. Time series: Photographs of these subjects at the same photo points should be repeated annually during the same season or month if possible.
- 4. Event monitoring refers to any unusual or sporadic conditions encountered during a stream or shore walk, such as trash dumps, turbidity events, oil spills, etc. Photograph and record information on your photo-log and on your Stream and Shore Walk Visual Assessment form. Report pollution events to the Regional Board. Report trash dumps to local authorities.

# All Restoration and Fuel Reduction Projects – Time Series:

Take photos immediately before and after construction, planting, or vegetation removal. Long term monitoring should allow for at least annual photography for a minimum of three years after the project, and thereafter at 5 years and ten years.

# **Meadow Restoration:**

- 1. Aerial view (satellite or airplane photography) if available.
- 2. In the absence of an aerial view, a landscape, long view showing an overlapping sequence of photos illustrating a long reach of stream and meadow (satellite photos, or hill close by, fly-over, etc.)
- 3. Long view up or down the longitudinal dimension of the creek showing riparian vegetation growth bounded on each side by grasses, sedges, or whatever that is lower in height
- 4. Long view of conversion of sage and other upland species back to meadow vegetation

- 5. Long view and medium view of streambed changes (straightened back to meandering, sediment back to gravel, etc.)
- 6. Medium and close views of structures, plantings, etc. intended to induce these changes

# Stream Restoration/stabilization:

- 1. Aerial view (satellite or airplane photography) if available.
- 2. In the absence of an aerial view, a landscape, long-view showing all or representative sections of the project (bluff, bridge, etc.)
- 3. Long view up or down the stream (from stream level) showing changes in the stream bank, vegetation, etc.
- 4. Long view and medium view of streambed changes (thalweg, gravel, meanders, etc.)
- 5. Medium and close views of structures, plantings, etc. intended to induce these changes.
- Optional: Use a tape set perpendicular across the stream channel at fixed points and include this tape in your photos described in 3 and 4 above. For specific procedures refer to Harrelson, Cheryl C., C.L. Rawlins, and John P. Potyondy, Stream Channel Reference Sites: An Illustrated Guide to Field Techniques, United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, General Technical Report RM-245.

# Vegetation Management for Fire Prevention ("fuel reduction"):

- 1. Aerial view (satellite or airplane photography) if available.
- 2. In the absence of an aerial view, a landscape, long view showing all or representative sections of the project (bluff, bridge, etc.)
- 3. Long view (wide angle if possible) showing the project area or areas. Preferably these long views should be from an elevated vantage point.
- 4. Medium view photos showing examples of vegetation changes, and plantings if included in the project. It is recommended that a person (preferably holding a stadia rod) be included in the view for scale

5. To the extent possible include medium and long view photos that include adjacent stream channels.

#### Stream Sediment Load or Erosion Monitoring:

- 1. Long views from bridge or other elevated position.
- 2. Medium views of bars and banks, with a person (preferably holding a stadia rod) in view for scale.
- 3. Close views of streambed with ruler or other common object in the view for scale.
- 4. Time series: Photograph during the dry season (low flow) once per year or after a significant flood event when streambed is visible. The flood events may be episodic in the south and seasonal in the north.
- Optional: Use a tape set perpendicular across the stream channel at fixed points and include this tape in your photos described in 1 and 2 above. For specific procedures refer to Harrelson, Cheryl C., C.L. Rawlins, and John P. Potyondy, Stream Channel Reference Sites: An Illustrated Guide to Field Techniques, United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, General Technical Report RM-245.

# PHOTO- LOG FORM

Project: Location: Date: Photographer: Team members:

Photo #	Time	Photo Point ID	Photo Pt. Description & Location	Bearing to Subject	Subject Description
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General Notes or Comments (weather, cloud cover, time of sunrise and sunset,

other pertinent information):

PHOTO SIGN FORM: Print this form on yellow paper. Complete the following information for each photograph. Include in the photographic view so that it will be legible in the finished photo.

Location:

Subject Description:

Date:

Time:

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