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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: Programmatic Certification for Coronado Cays Homeowners  
Association Boat Dock Removal and Replacement (08C-055),  
WDID 9000001861**

**APPLICANT: Larry Peterson, General Manager**

CIWQS Reg. Mes. ID: 350737 Place ID: 724789 Party ID: 385061
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**ACTION:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Order for Low Impact Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Order for Denial of Certification
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order for Technically-conditioned Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrollment in SWRCB GWDR Order No. 2003-017 DWQ	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment in Isolated Waters Order No. 2004-004 DWQ

This Programmatic Certification will cover several hundred projects consisting of replacement of floating docks and gangways within the Coronado Cays Community. This Certification is valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

**STANDARD CONDITIONS:**

The following three standard conditions apply to all 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

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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, Coronado Cays Homeowners Association (HOA) must satisfy the following:

**A. GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

1. Coronado Cays HOA 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 (Regional Board), to support this 401 Water Quality Certification and all subsequent submittals required as part of this certification. 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 Regional Board and reevaluation for individual Waste Discharge Requirements and/or certification amendment.
2. During dock and gangway replacement, Coronado Cays HOA 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. Coronado Cays HOA must permit the Regional 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. Coronado Cays HOA must notify the Regional 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 practice (BMPs) or other measures that will be implemented to prevent future discharges.

5. Coronado Cays HOA 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 to any person except after notice to the Executive Officer of the Regional Board. Larry Peterson, General Manager (Coronado Cays HOA) must notify the Regional Board of any change in ownership of the project area. Notification must include, but not be limited to, a statement that the property owner has provided the purchaser with a copy of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification and that the purchaser understands the permit requirements and must implement them; the seller and purchaser must sign and date the notification. The notification for transfer of mitigation responsibility shall include a signed statement from the new party demonstrating acceptance and understanding of the responsibility to meet the mitigation conditions and applicable requirements of the Certification. Notification must be provided within **10 days** of the sale of the property.
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 Regional 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 Regional 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 Regional Board may add to or modify the conditions of this certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.

**B. PROJECT CONDITIONS:**

1. Only projects within the jurisdiction of the City of Coronado are included in this Programmatic 401 Certification.

2. Individual projects within this Programmatic 401 Certification may increase or decrease the net square footage of a boat dock structure. However, this Programmatic 401 Certification relies on a "net zero" change in overwater shading (the changes in overwater coverage as a result of all dock replacements at the Coronado Cays will be zero or a decrease in overall coverage; an overall increase in overwater shading is not permitted). **A ledger describing shading credits, losses, and that ensures a zero balance will be maintained by a third party.**
3. Prior to the start of the project, and annually thereafter, Coronado Cays HOA must educate all personnel on the requirements in this certification, pollution prevention measures, spill response, and BMP implementation and maintenance.
4. Coronado Cays HOA 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/cwa401/docs/generalorders/go\\_wdr401regulated\\_projects.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwa401/docs/generalorders/go_wdr401regulated_projects.pdf).
5. Coronado Cays HOA shall use only clean construction materials suitable for use in the oceanic environment. Coronado Cays HOA shall ensure no debris, soil, silt, sand, sawdust, rubbish, cement or concrete washings thereof, oil or petroleum products from construction shall be allowed to enter into or placed where it may be washed by rainfall or runoff into waters of the U.S./State. Upon completion of the authorized project, any and all excess material or debris shall be completely removed from the work area and disposed of an appropriate upland site.
6. BMPs shall be utilized during the construction activities to prevent discharges of waste to waters of the State/U.S. BMPs shall include measures for turbidity minimization and materials management, including use and placement of silt curtains in a manner to avoid impacts to eelgrass. **BMPs described in the Regional General Permit application, prepared by Anchor Environmental dated August 2008, shall be utilized.**
7. Coronado Cays HOA shall conduct pre-construction and *Caulerpa taxifolia* eelgrass surveys not more than **90 calendar days** prior to the start of in-water activities by a qualified biologist in accordance with the Southern California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy (SEMP) and provide it to the Regional Board prior to the start of such activities.
8. **No projects that would impact eelgrass are included in this 401 Certification.**

**C. REPORTING:**

1. Coronado Cays HOA must submit quarterly reports describing both work that was completed the previous quarter, and work that will be completed the following quarter. For upcoming projects, the report shall include:
  - A short description of the projects;
  - A map of existing and proposed conditions;
  - An eelgrass and *Caulerpa taxifolia* pre-construction survey;
  - A statement regarding the use and availability of banked shading credits.
2. All information requested in this Certification is pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) section 13267. Civil liability may be administratively imposed by the Regional Board for failure to furnish requested information pursuant to CWC section 13268.
3. All reports and information submitted to the Regional 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.
4. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Regional 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*.
5. 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 Regional Board Executive Officer.
6. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Regional 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."*

7. Coronado Cays HOA must submit reports required under this certification, or other information required by the Regional Board, to:

Executive Officer  
 California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
 San Diego Region  
 Attn: 401 Certification; Project No. 08C-055  
 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
 San Diego, California 92123

6. Required Reports: The following list summarizes the reports, excluding spill notifications and emergency situations, required per the conditions of this Certification to be submitted to the Regional Board.

Report Topic	Certification Condition	Due Date(s)
Quarterly Reports	C.1	Quarterly commencing with Programmatic 401 Certification date of issuance

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT APPLICATION:**

On August 19, 2008, receipt of the project application was posted on the Regional Board web site to serve as appropriate notification to the public.

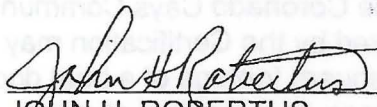
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**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the proposed discharge from the **Coronado Cays Homeowners Association Boat Dock Removal and Replacement (Project No. 08C-055)** 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 Regional 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 Regional Water Quality Control Board's Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan).

  
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JOHN H. ROBERTUS  
Executive Officer  
Regional Water Quality Control Board

7 Nov 2008  
Date

- Attachments:
1. Project Information
  2. Distribution List
  3. Aerial Photo of Coronado Cays

**ATTACHMENT 1  
PROJECT INFORMATION**

- Applicant: ✓ Larry Peterson, General Manager  
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- Applicant Representatives: ✓ Anchor Environmental CA, L.P.  
Attention: Jennifer Pettis  
28202 Cabot Road, Suite 425  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677  
Telephone: (949) 347-2781  
Email: [jpettis@anchorenv.com](mailto:jpettis@anchorenv.com)
- Project Name: ✓ Coronado Cays Homeowners Association Boat Dock  
Removal and Replacement
- Project Location: ✓ Coronado Cays Community, San Diego Bay, 92118
- Type of Project: ✓ Dock Removal and Replacement
- Need for Project: ✓ The Coronado Cays Community was constructed in the  
1960s. Due to aging infrastructure, several hundred individual  
Cays homeowners plan to remove and replace their existing  
floating docks and gangways in the coming years.
- Project Description: ✓ This Programmatic Certification (Certification) will cover  
several hundred projects consisting of replacement of floating  
docks and gangways within the Coronado Cays Community.  
While individual projects covered by the Certification may  
decrease or increase the net square footage of a boat dock  
structure, the overwater coverage as a result of all dock  
replacements at the Cays will be zero or a net decrease. A  
ledger describing shading credits, losses, and that ensures a  
zero balance will be maintained by a third party. Only docks  
within the jurisdiction of the City of Coronado are covered  
under this Certification. No projects that would impact  
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valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

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Federal Agency/Permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers §404 Individual Permit

Other Required Regulatory Approvals: Coastal Development Permit (City of Coronado)

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance: Categorically exempt. Type and section number: Replacement and Reconstruction, section 15302, Class 2 (City of Coronado)

Receiving Water: San Diego Bay

Dredge Volume: None

Related Projects Implemented/to be Implemented by the Applicant(s): None

Compensatory Mitigation: No mitigation is necessary since there are no permanent impacts to water quality or habitat anticipated, and a net increase in overwater shading is not permitted.

Public Notice: August 19, 2008

Fees: Total Due: \$2500.00  
Total Paid: \$2500.00 (check No. 2461)

CIWQS: Regulatory Measure ID: 350737  
Place ID: 724789  
Party ID: 385061  
Party ID: 385067

**ATTACHMENT 2  
DISTRIBUTION LIST**

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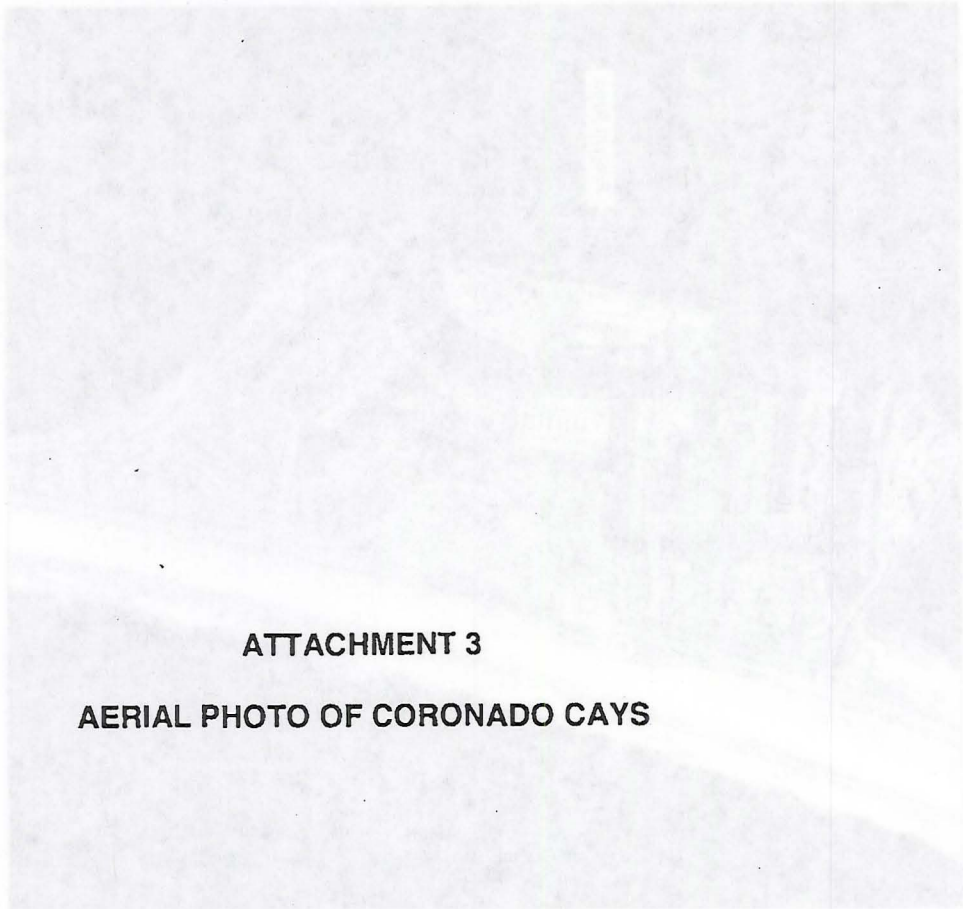
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**ATTACHMENT 3**  
**AERIAL PHOTO OF CORONADO CAYS**



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Note: Aerials from Google Earth Pro, 2007

Figure 1  
Location Map and Project Area  
Coronado Cays Boat Dock Removal and Replacement

