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SUBJECT:  San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, Mill Creek Diversion Debris Management Project, Redlands, San Bernardino County, Order No. R8-2022-0058

DISCUSSION:

Under federal Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401, applicants for a federal permit or license for any activity that may result in a discharge to WOTUS must obtain a state Water Quality Certification (Certification) that the proposed activity will comply with state water quality standards.

Most Certifications are issued in connection with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) CWA section 404 permits for dredged and fill material discharges. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) (collectively, Water Boards) administer the Certification program in accordance with the requirements of California Code of Regulations title 23, section 3830 et seq. Since November 2003, Certifications have been issued by the Executive Officer accompanied by authorization to discharge in accordance with 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”).

Due to the scope of the federal regulatory definition of WOTUS, not all discharge activities are considered to be discharges of dredged or fill material to WOTUS and therefore do not require Certification under CWA section 401. However, to the extent that discharges of dredged and fill material are to non-federal waters of the state (WOTS), the Water Boards retain their permitting authority to regulate these discharges under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, Water Code section 13000 et seq. Permitting occurs in the form of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) prescribed pursuant to Water Code section 13263, subdivision (a).

The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (Discharger) is seeking a CWA section 404 permit from the USACE under Nationwide Permit 43 for the Mill Creek Diversion Debris Management Project (Project) for Project impacts to WOTUS. The Project also includes impacts to non-federal WOTS.
The Project would reconstruct an existing diversion structure that currently consists of three wooden return slide gates, one wooden intake slide gate, a concrete inlet channel, a concreted rock outlet channel, and mounded earth and rock containment berms. The existing structure allows for diversion of flow into an outlet channel, as well as the ability to return the flow back into Mill Creek. Most improvements to the diversion structure would be within the same footprint of the existing structure and maintained area. Some minor grading would be performed outside of the current structure to minimize future maintenance. The Project improvements would include creating a sediment bypass channel with a steel slide gate immediately upstream of the existing return gate structure. The earthen embankment and access road would also be hardened with grouted and ungrouted rock. The gate would be used to control outflow from this bypass channel. The existing system would be demolished and replaced so that the overflow height of the system is increased by three (3) feet with ponding to an additional two (2) feet above the structure walls and containment berm.

There will be 0.01 acre of permanent impacts and approximately 0.02 acre of temporary impacts to WOTUS and 0.18 acre of permanent impacts and 0.25 acre of temporary impacts to non-federal WOTS from the demolition, grading, hardening, and reconstruction of an existing diversion structure within Mill Creek.

The Discharger has proposed to restore temporary Project impacts by re-contouring the stream bed and banks to pre-Project conditions and replacing topsoil and stream channel substrate. Because the Project will serve as enhancement of an existing facility for groundwater recharge and impacts to WOTUS are minimal, the Santa Ana Water Board is not requiring compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts to WOTUS or non-federal WOTS.

Pursuant to requirements by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Discharger plans to restore and/or enhance 0.30 acre of streambed and stream-associated habitats within the Upper Santa Ana River Wash property owned by the Discharger. Restoration, enhancement, conservation, and management objectives will be provided to CDFW for review and approval in an Interim and Long-term Management Plan within three months of initiating Project activities.

The Project activities would implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control and prevent discharges, such as sediment from erosion of soil surfaces and other pollutants that could impact surface waters.

For further information on the proposed Project, please contact Santa Ana Water Board staff Kyle Fructuoso at Kyle.Fructuoso@waterboards.ca.gov.

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt Order No. R8-2022-0058 as presented.
Findings

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board), finds that:

1. This Order prescribes Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and serves as a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Mill Creek Diversion Debris Management Project (Project) of San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (Discharger).

2. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the operative Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) and other plans and policies. The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives (WQOs) to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

3. The Santa Ana Water Board has the authority to regulate the discharge of dredged and fill materials through the issuance of WDRs pursuant to Water Code section 13263. The Santa Ana Water Board has determined that WDRs are necessary to adequately address the Project's potential impacts on the beneficial uses of waters of the state (WOTS).

4. This Order regulates the discharge of fill material to WOTS, including waters of the U.S. (WOTUS). As a result of the discharge of fill to WOTUS, this Order also serves as a Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) for federal permitting for the Project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Nationwide Permit Number 43, Stormwater Management Facilities.
5. This Order is also issued in compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board’s (State Water Board) State Policy for Water Quality Control: *State Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State* (Procedures), which was adopted on April 2, 2019, became effective May 28, 2020, and was revised April 6, 2021.

6. On September 15, 2021, Compass Consulting Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of the Discharger, submitted an Application for Discharges of Dredged of Fill Material to WOTS (Application) for the Project, which was assigned Santa Ana Water Board WDID No. 362021-17.

7. An application fee of $2,066.00 was received on September 7, 2021. The fee amount was determined as per California Code of Regulations, title 23 (Title 23), sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and was calculated as A - Fill and Excavation Discharge (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator. An additional fee of $4,195 based on total Project impacts was received on August 5, 2022.

8. The Application was considered complete on October 15, 2021.

9. The purpose of the Project is to update and modify the existing Mill Creek diversion facility and redirect debris and sediments back to the Mill Creek channel system, while allowing the water to be rerouted to the existing spreading grounds for groundwater recharge.

10. The Project would reconstruct an existing diversion structure that currently consists of three wooden return slide gates, one wooden intake slide gate, a concrete inlet channel, a concreted rock outlet channel, and mounded earth and rock containment berms. The existing structure allows for diversion of flow into an outlet channel, as well as the ability to return the flow back into Mill Creek. Most improvements to the diversion structure would be within the same footprint of the existing structure and maintained area. Some minor grading would be performed outside of the current structure to minimize future maintenance.

11. The Project improvements would include creating a sediment bypass channel with a steel slide gate immediately upstream of the existing return gate structure. The earthen embankment and access road would also be hardened with grouted and ungrouted rock. The gate would be used to control outflow from this bypass channel. The existing system would be demolished and replaced so that the overflow height of the system is increased by three (3) feet with ponding to an additional two (2) feet above the structure walls and containment berm.

12. Increasing the height of the system would increase the ponding depth to promote sediment settling and prevent sediments from being transported to the spreading
grounds for groundwater recharge. The three existing 5-foot by 4-foot weir gates that direct flow back into Mill Creek would be replaced with one large steel gate. The gate controlling flow into the downstream diversion channel would be replaced with a steel gate of the same size, as well. Baffle walls would be added to direct debris toward the return gates. A trash rack would also be utilized at the diversion gate that conveys flows to the spreading grounds. The area in and around the existing inlet channel would be reconstructed with reinforced concrete.

13. The existing rock and earth containment berm along the north bank of the Mill Creek Diversion Channel would be hardened with concrete along and connected to the concrete channel bottom. Additionally, ungrouted rocks would be placed downstream of the existing grouted area located downstream of the diversion back to Mill Creek to prevent potential erosion. The site would be accessed by way of an existing dirt road that runs parallel to the existing flood walls but outside the limits of typical storm flows.

14. The Project site is located within the eastern portion of the City of Redlands, in San Bernardino County (34°4’32” N/ -117°5’24” W). The site is found taking the 210 Freeway east, to State Route38/Lugonia Avenue, east to Garnet Street. Maps showing the Project location are found in Attachment A of this Order.

15. Impacted waters from Project activities include Mill Creek, which flows into the Santa Ana River. The Project would impact a total of 0.43-acre of non-federal WOTS, of which 0.18 acre is permanent and 0.25 acre is temporary impacts. Permanent impacts to WOTS are a result of installation of new grouted rock while temporary impacts are anticipated from mass grading and installation of ungrouted rock. Additionally, approximately 0.01 acre of permanent and approximately 0.02 acre of temporary impacts are anticipated to WOTUS. These impacts would occur from the reconstruction of the diversion structure with in-kind materials and installation of a sediment bypass channel.

16. Direct impacts to WOTUS and non-federal WOTS would result from the reconstruction of an existing diversion structure and proposed improvements that would include creating a sediment bypass channel with a slide gate immediately upstream of the existing gate structure. The existing concrete channel would be replaced, and the proposed sediment bypass channel would be a lowered subsection of the replacement channel within the same footprint of the existing concrete channel. Additional impacts would occur from the hardening of the earthen embankment and access road with grouted and ungrouted rock, as well as minor grading outside of the current structure. Additional direct impacts would occur from the demolition of the existing system.
17. Mill Creek, Reach 1 has the following designated beneficial uses (existing or potential): Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) Agricultural Supply (AGR), Groundwater Recharge (GWR), Water Contact Recreation (REC1), Non-contact Water Recreation (REC2), Cold Freshwater Habitat (COLD), Wildlife habitat (WILD), and Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE).

18. The Discharger has proposed to restore temporary Project impacts by re-contouring the stream bed and banks to pre-Project conditions and replacing topsoil and stream channel substrate. Because the Project will serve as enhancement of an existing facility for groundwater recharge, the Santa Ana Water Board is not requiring compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts to WOTUS or non-federal WOTS.

19. Pursuant to requirements by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Discharger plans to restore and/or enhance 0.30 acre of streambed and stream-associated habitats within the Upper Santa Ana River Wash property owned by the Discharger. Restoration, enhancement, conservation, and management objectives will be provided to CDFW for review and approval in an Interim and Long-term Management Plan within three months of initiating Project activities.

20. This Order is adopted pursuant to Water Code section 13263, subdivision (a), which provides that the Santa Ana Water Board may, after any necessary hearing, prescribe requirements (WDRs) as to the nature of any proposed discharge with relation to the conditions existing in the disposal area or receiving waters upon, or into which, the discharge is made or proposed. The WDRs must implement any relevant water quality control plans that have been adopted and take into consideration the beneficial uses to be protected, the water quality objectives reasonably required for that purpose, other waste discharges, the need to prevent nuisance, and the provisions of Water Code section 13241.

21. This Order is also adopted pursuant to Water Code section 13267, subdivision (b)(1) which authorizes the Santa Ana Water Board to require technical and monitoring program reports, submitted under penalty of perjury, from persons discharging or proposing to discharge waste within the Santa Ana Region, in connection with the issuance of WDRs. This Order incorporate requirements for water quality monitoring and Project reporting, which are necessary to ensure that the discharge of dredged and fill material complies with WDRs and is protective of the environment. In accordance with Water Code section 13267, the burden, including costs, of generating these reports bears a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and the benefits to be obtained from them.
22. This Order is further issued in part pursuant to Clean Water Act section 401 (33 U.S.C. § 1341). Specifically, this Order certifies that 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), as long as all of the conditions in this Order are met.

23. On July 12, 2017, the Discharger, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Protection Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) adopted an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project. The lead agency filed a Notice of Determination with the Clerk of Board Supervisors of San Bernardino County on July 14, 2017.

24. The Santa Ana Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA for the purposes of issuing this Order. As a responsible agency, the Santa Ana Water Board “responsible for considering only the effects of those activities involved in a project which it is required by law to carry out or approve.” (Public Resources Code, § 21002.1, subd. (d).) In approving this Order, the Santa Ana Water Board has considered the IS/MND adopted by the Discharger and subsequent information provided by the Discharger. More specifically, the Santa Ana Water Board considered those sections of the IS/MND pertaining to impacts to water quality. The Santa Ana Water Board finds that compliance with the mitigation measures of the IS/MND and the conditions in this Order will reduce potentially adverse impacts to water quality to a less-than-significant level and protect beneficial uses of receiving waters.

25. The Santa Ana Water Board has considered the federal and state antidegradation policies (State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 68-16 and 40 CFR § 131.12) and finds that the discharge permitted under this Order is consistent with those policies. Filling wetlands, riparian areas, headwaters, and other waters causes partial or complete loss of the beneficial uses provided by those waters. In this case, the permanent impacts to WOTUS are very minimal (.01 acre) and the Project will benefit water quality through enhancement of an existing facility for groundwater recharge. As such, the Project will not adversely affect beneficial uses when carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Order, and the determination not to require mitigation for permanent impacts complies with the State Water Board’s Procedures and the Clean Water Act section 404(b)(1) guidelines.

26. 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, section 2050 et seq. Additionally, the
Santa Ana Water Board reserves the right to suspend, cancel, or modify and reissue this Order, after providing notice to the Discharger, if the Santa Ana 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).

27. The provisions of this Order are severable and, if any provision of this Order or the application of any provisions of this Order to any circumstance is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this Order shall not be affected thereby.

28. The filing of a request by the Discharger for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination of this Order or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any requirements of this Order.

29. The requirements prescribed herein do not authorize the commission of any act causing injury to the property of another, nor protect the Discharger from liabilities under federal, state, or local laws, nor guarantee the Discharger a capacity right in the receiving waters.

30. This Order does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege. The ability to discharge waste is a privilege, not a right; nothing in this Order shall create a vested right to continue any discharges authorized herein, which are subject to rescission or modification. (Wat. Code, § 13263, subd. (g).)

31. The Santa Ana Water Board has notified the Discharger and other interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe WDRs for the discharge and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and to submit comments. The Santa Ana Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this discharge.

Requirements

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Discharger, in order to meet the provisions contained in Water Code section 13000 et seq. and regulations adopted thereunder, shall comply with the following:
A. Discharge Specifications

1. No activities associated with the Project shall cause or threaten to cause a condition of nuisance, contamination or pollution as defined in Water Code section 13050.

2. The groundwater in the vicinity of the Project shall not be degraded as a result of the Project activities or placement of fill for the Project.

3. The Discharger must, as applicable, obtain coverage under and comply with the State Water Board’s NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, as amended by Order No. 2012-0006-DWQ; NPDES No. CAS000002) and any subsequent amendments (Construction General Permit). If Project construction activities do not require coverage under the Construction General Permit, the Discharger must develop and implement a runoff management plan or equivalent construction best management practices (BMP) plan, to prevent the discharge of sediment and other pollutants during construction activities.

4. The Discharger shall comply with the local regulations associated with the Santa Ana Water Board’s Municipal Stormwater Permit issued to San Bernardino County and co-permittees under NPDES No. CAS618036 and WDRs Order No. R8-2010-0036, and subsequent iterations thereof.

5. If construction dewatering discharges, including temporary stream diversions, are necessary to carry out the Project, the Discharger shall enroll and comply with Santa Ana Water Board Order No. R8-2020-0006, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Surface Waters that Pose an Insignificant (De Minimis) Threat to Water Quality.

6. The discharge of fill materials shall be limited to the placement of native fill and “inert waste,” as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 27, section 20230. The discharge of fill material other than native soil is prohibited.

7. Construction and post-construction BMPs shall be implemented.

8. The Discharger shall restore areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to WOTS. Restoration must include grading of disturbed areas to pre-Project contours to the extent feasible and revegetation with native species.
B. Discharge Prohibitions

1. The permanent impacts to WOTUS and non-federal WOTS shall not exceed quantities identified in Finding 15.

2. The discharge of waste, in a manner or location other than as described in the ROWD or findings of this Order, or for which valid WDRs are not in force, is prohibited.

3. Except for authorized fill discharges to WOS, the direct discharge of wastes, including rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid or liquid wastes, into channels, surface waters, or any place where they would contact or be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plains, is prohibited.

4. The discharge of oil or other floating materials from any activity in quantities sufficient to cause deleterious bottom deposits, turbidity, or discoloration in surface waters is prohibited.

5. The discharge of silt, sand, clay, or other earthen materials from any activity in quantities sufficient to cause deleterious bottom deposits, turbidity, or discoloration in surface waters is prohibited.

6. The discharge of any substance in concentrations toxic to animal or plant life is prohibited.

7. Discharges to surface waters of wastes or pollutants that are not authorized by this Order or regulated by a separate permit are prohibited.

8. During the grading and filling operation, there shall be no onsite fueling, lubrication, changing of oil or other equipment fluids and their filters, or any other maintenance or storage of construction equipment within or next to drainage areas or other surface runoff conveyances.

C. Provisions

1. The Discharger shall maintain a copy of this Order at the Project site so that it is always available to site operating personnel. Key operating personnel shall be familiar with the Order’s content.

2. The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
3. This Order is not transferable to any person without written approval by the Santa Ana Water Board’s Executive Officer. Prior to any change in ownership, the Discharger shall notify the Santa Ana Water Board’s Executive Officer in writing at least 30 days in advance. The notice must include a written transfer agreement between the existing owner and the new owner. At a minimum, the transfer agreement must contain a specific date for transfer of responsibility for compliance with this Order and an acknowledgment that the new owner or operator is liable for compliance with this Order from the date of transfer. The Santa Ana Water Board may require modification or revocation and reissuance of this Order to change the name of the Discharger and incorporate other requirements as may be necessary under the Water Code.

4. The Discharger shall submit an annual report each year on the anniversary of this Order. Annual reporting shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Discharger. The contents of the annual report shall include a construction summary, Project status and schedule (including ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, and site construction), and the implementation status of Best Management Practices during the active discharge period. If the Project has not started, the Discharger shall provide an estimated start date and reasons for delay.

5. The Discharger shall submit a Commencement of Construction Report at least seven days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.

6. The Discharger shall submit a Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter following completion of active Project construction activities, including any required restoration and Discharger-responsible mitigation. This request shall be submitted to the Santa Ana Water Board staff within thirty days following completion of all Project construction activities. Upon acceptance of the request, Santa Ana Water Board staff will issue to the discharger a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter, which will end the active discharge period and, if appropriate, associated annual fees.

7. The Discharger shall submit a Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter when construction and any required post-construction monitoring is complete and no further Project activities will occur. This request shall be submitted to Santa Ana Water Board staff within thirty days following completion of all Project activities. Upon approval of the request, the Santa Ana Water Board staff will issue to the Discharger a Notice of Project Complete Letter, which will end the post discharge monitoring period and associated annual fees.

8. The Discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records, copies of all reports required by this
Order, and records of all data used to complete the application for this Order. Records shall be maintained for a minimum of five years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application. Records may be maintained electronically. This period may be extended during the course of any unresolved enforcement action or litigation regarding this discharge or when requested by the Santa Ana Water Board.

9. The Discharger shall report any noncompliance that may endanger human health or the environment. Information shall be provided orally to the Santa Ana Water Board office and the Office of Emergency Services within twenty-four (24) hours of when the Discharger becomes aware of the incident. If noncompliance occurs outside of business hours, the Discharger shall leave a message on the Santa Ana Water Board’s office voicemail. A written report shall also be provided within five business days of the time the Discharger becomes aware of the incident. The written report shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause, the period of noncompliance, the anticipated time to achieve full compliance, and the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance.

10. The Discharger shall allow the Santa Ana Water Board, or an authorized representative, upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law to:

   a. Enter premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept under the requirements of this Order;

   b. Access and copy any records that are kept under the requirements of this Order;

   c. Inspect any facility, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order; and

   d. Photograph, sample, or monitor for the purpose of assuring compliance with this Order or as otherwise authorized by the Water Code.

11. This Order becomes effective on the date of adoption by the Santa Ana Water Board.

12. This Order will remain valid for five years from the date of its adoption. The Discharger must file a new dredge and fill application in accordance with
California Code of Regulations title 23, division 3, chapter 9 no later than 180 days in advance of this expiration date. The application, with filing fee, will be discussed between the Discharger and Santa Ana Water Board staff regarding any need for additional information and changes in fees prior to the issuance of new WDRs.

Any person aggrieved by this Santa Ana Water Board action may petition the State Water Board for review in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050 et seq. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day after the date of this Order; if the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the statutes and regulations applicable to filing petitions are available on the State Water Board’s website and can be provided upon request.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Maps
Attachment B – Reports and Notifications
Attachment C – Signatory Requirements

I, Jayne Joy, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, on September 9, 2022.

JAYNE JOY, P.E.
Executive Officer
Tentative Site Vicinity
Order No. R8-2022-0058
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Mill Creek Diversion Debris Management Project
Attachment A
Copies of this Form

In order to identify your Project, it is necessary to include a copy of the Project-specific Report and Notification Cover Sheet below with your report (see page 3). Please retain a copy 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.
   a) Part A (Annual Report): Submitted annually from the anniversary of the Project effective date until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued.
   b) Part B (Project Status Notifications): Used to notify the Santa Ana Water Board of the status of the Project schedule that may affect Project billing.

2) Sign the Report and Notification Cover Sheet and attach all information requested for the Report Type.

3) Electronic Report Submittal Instructions:
   a) Submit signed Report and Notification Cover Sheet and required information via email to: RB8-401Reporting@waterboards.ca.gov
   b) Include in the subject line of the email: Order R8 2022-0058 and Report Type Name

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 Discharger 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 Discharger-responsible compensatory mitigation construction.

2) **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** This request by the Discharger to the Santa Ana Water Board staff pertains to projects that have post-construction monitoring requirements (e.g., if site restoration were required to be monitored for five (5) years following construction). Santa Ana Water Board staff will review the request and send a Completion of Discharges Letter to the Discharger 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 Discharger to the Santa Ana Water Board staff pertains to projects that either have completed
### Definition of Reporting Terms

post-construction monitoring and achieved performance standards, or have no
post-construction monitoring requirements and no further Project activities are
planned. Santa Ana Water Board staff will review the request and send a Project
Complete Letter to the Discharger upon approval. Termination of annual invoicing
of fees will correspond with the date of this letter.

### 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 shall 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 (NAD83) in
     the California Teale Albers projection in feet.
   - **Google KML files** saved from Google Maps: My Maps or Google Earth Pro.
     Maps shall 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 shall 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 shall
     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.
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Attachment B

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“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.”

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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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<td>1. Planned date of initiation of compensatory mitigation site installation.</td>
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<td>2. If installation is in progress, a map of what has been completed to date.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>4. Mitigation Bank or In-Lieu Fee (ILF)</td>
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<td>6. Include the name of bank/ILF Program and contact information.</td>
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### Report Type 2: Commencement of Construction

**Purpose:** Notify the Santa Ana Water Board staff prior to the start of construction.

**When to Submit:** Must be received at least seven (7) days to start of initial ground disturbance activities.

**Report Contents:**
1. Date of commencement of construction.
2. Anticipated date when discharges to waters of the State will occur.
3. Project schedule milestones, including a schedule for onsite compensatory mitigation, if applicable.

### Report Type 3: Request for Notice of Completion of Discharger Letter

**Purpose:** Notify Santa Ana Water Board staff that post-construction monitoring is required and that active Project construction, including any mitigation and Discharger-responsible compensatory mitigation, is complete.

**When to Submit:** Must be received by Santa Ana Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities.

**Report Contents:**
1. Status of storm water Notice of Termination(s), if applicable.
2. Status of post-construction storm water BMP installation.
3. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all Project activity sites where the discharge of dredge and/or fill/excavation was authorized.
4. Summary of Deviation discharge quantities compared to initial authorized impacts to waters of the State, if applicable.
5. An updated monitoring schedule for mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the State and Discharger-responsible compensatory mitigation during the post-discharge monitoring period, if applicable.
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<td>Notify Santa Ana Water Board staff that construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, or is not required, and no further Project activity is planned.</td>
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| **Report Contents:** | **Part A: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts** (if applicable)  
1. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the restoration plan have been met for Project site upland areas of temporary disturbance that could result in a discharge to waters of the State.  
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.  

**Part B: Discharger-Responsible Compensatory Mitigation** (if applicable)  
1. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the compensatory mitigation plan have been met.  
2. Status on the implementation of the long-term maintenance and management plan and funding of endowment.  
3. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all compensatory mitigation sites.  
4. Final maps of all compensatory mitigation areas (including buffers). |
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<td>Notify Santa Ana Water staff of change in ownership of the Project or Discharger-responsible mitigation area.</td>
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<td><strong>When to Submit:</strong></td>
<td>At least ten (10) working days prior to the transfer of ownership.</td>
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| **Report Contents:** | 1. A statement that the Discharger has provided the purchaser with a copy of this Order and that the purchaser understands and accepts:  
   - 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  
   - responsibility for compliance with any long-term BMP maintenance plan requirements in this Order.  
   2. A statement that the Discharger has informed the purchaser to submit a written request to the Santa Ana Water Board to be named as the Discharger in a revised order. |
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 Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) shall 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 Santa Ana 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 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.”