

## **Notice of Section 401 Application Reception**

**File Number:** 362023-03

**Project Name:** Waterman Spreading Grounds Basin Maintenance Project

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**Project City:** San Bernardino

**Project County:** San Bernardino

**Applicant Organization:** San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

**Applicant Name:** Heather Dyer

**Waterboard Staff:** TBA

### **Brief Description of Project:**

**Project Description:** The purpose is continued regular maintenance of the basins to optimize recharge of State Water Project (SWP) water into the underlying Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin. Up to 30,000 acre-feet per year (AFY), based on SWP water availability, may be recharged. On average 15,000 AFY would be recharged. We are requesting re-verification of SARWQCB WDID 362019-13. We have also requested re-verification of USACE # SPL-2019-00784-SLP.

**Project Activities:** We are requesting re-verification of SARWQCB WDID 362019-13 under the 2022 Nationwide 31 to continue maintenance activities commenced under SARWQCB WDID 362019-13. SBVMWD plans to continue a maintenance-recharge cycle in the late winter/early spring and again in the late summer/early fall within 10 of the existing Waterman Basins (Basins 2A, 2E, 2W, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3W, and 4). With each cycle, vegetation would be removed from the basins. Excess sediment from the sideslopes and basin floors, scarification of the basin floors, and repair of inlet/outlet and gate structures (limited to those within the Project area) would also be completed on an as-needed basis. The basins will continue to attenuate storm water when needed. The two basins outside of SBVMWD's project area would be maintained by SBCFCD for flood control purposes and are not part of SBVMWD's recharge operations plan.