Notice of Intent Application Reception

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Project Name: RGP 10 Tropical Storm Hilary Road Restoration Project

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Project Location: 34.1616225° N, -116.7848113° W (Multiple Locations)

Project City and County: Unincorporated San Bernardino County (Near the Heart Bar Area)

Applicant Organization: San Bernardino National Forest

Applicant Name: Danelle Harrison

Waterboard Staff: TBA

Brief Description of Project:

Project Description: Tropical Storm Hilary (TSH) made landfall over Southern California in August 2023, resulting in damage to numerous roads within the San Bernardino National Forest. Damage included culvert and concrete ford failures and washed away road sections. The purpose of this project is to fix four high priority stream crossings using funds obtained through the Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) Program. Repairs will provide access to the Upper Santa Ana headwater area so that the Forest can more efficiently manage recreation, forest health, and wildfire prevention.

Project Activities: All equipment will be staged away from stream channels and refueling will be completed outside of waterways. There will not be the need for temporary diversions or impoundments of water, cofferdams, or similar structures. Road reconstruction will occur in areas where a road prism was located prior to the storm. Therefore, little to no new disturbance is anticipated. All stream crossing reconstruction will be completed along the previous road alignments. At 3 of the sites, instead of reinstalling a culvert we chose to construct a low water native bottom rolling dip that reduced the risk for future water quality impacts. All stream crossings are designated at intermittent waterways with little to no riparian vegetation present. The ordinary high water mark was estimated to be approximately 5 feet at each of the four sites. The flooding caused by Tropical Storm Hilary caused total channel resets and made it difficult to ascertain the pre-flood ordinary high water mark and floodplain. Each of our projects is less than 0.005 acres individually and, with the design features proposed, will not produce sediment impacts beyond the natural range of variability.