

Notice of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Application Reception

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Project Name: Highland/Redlands Regional Connector Project

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Project Location: 34.098916°N, -117.182424°W

Project City and County: Highland, Redlands, San Bernardino

Applicant Organization: San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

Applicant Name: Sal Chavez

Waterboard Staff: TBA

Brief Description of Project:

Project Description: Currently, the bikeways and walkways within the Cities of Highland and Redlands do not provide connectivity and portions of the existing pavement require repairs and upgrades. The project is needed to provide recreational, community, and safety-related benefits to bicyclists and pedestrians in the Cities of Highland and Redlands. The project is also needed to provide connectivity to the regional trail networks, including the Greenspot Road Trail that traverses the southern portion of the City of Highland, the Pole Line Trail in the City of Highland, and the Santa Ana River Trail that would traverse the northern portion of the City of Redlands. The objective of the project is to improve the non-motorized transportation network within the Cities of Highland and Redlands by constructing regional bikeways and walkway trails.

Project Activities: Two single-span bikeway and pedestrian path bridges would be installed over Plunge Creek (NWW-2) and an additional unnamed tributary to the Santa Ana River (NWW-3). The prefabricated bridges will be lowered into place using a crane, and the abutments are designed to be located outside of jurisdictional streambed. Outside of jurisdictional aquatic resources, the remainder of the project includes trail construction that would require clearing and grubbing of vegetation and leveling through earth moving; paving; and curbs, gutters, curb ramps, and guard rails. All construction access will be located within the disturbance footprint. It is anticipated that no construction access to NWW-2 or NWW-3 will be required; however, this notification is intended to cover a worst-case scenario in case temporary construction access is required within the jurisdictional aquatic resources to install the bridges. Temporary construction access would be considered a temporary impact subject to restoration. Temporary impacts are those that involve disturbance of areas that currently support habitat but that would be restored to pre-project conditions after construction is completed. Restoration activities will include

soil decompaction, grading pre-construction contours, and revegetation using a native plant palette consistent with on-site species assemblages observed prior to disturbance. All equipment staging will be located within the disturbance footprint. No equipment staging will occur within NWW-2 or NWW-3. On-site revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas will occur in-kind at their current locations upon completion of construction.