Notice of Section 401 Application Reception

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Project Name: OC River Walk Geotechnical Investigation Project

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Project Location: 33.8067° N, -117.8744° W

Project City and County: Anaheim, Orange

Applicant Organization: City of Anaheim

Applicant Name: Ana Straabe

Waterboard Staff: TBA

Brief Description of Project:

Project Description: The proposed geotechnical investigations will be conducted at 16 bore locations, nine of which are located within waters of the U.S./State in the Santa Ana River (SAR). The findings will be used to develop geotechnical design and construction recommendations for the future planned OC River Walk Project.

Project Activities: The proposed project consists of temporary geotechnical investigations within and adjacent to the SAR associated with the evaluation of future project improvements. The work is limited in duration and scope and would not result in permanent impacts on waters or aquatic resources. Any future improvements would be subject to separate environmental review and cumulative impacts analysis. Given the limited nature and scope of the proposed geotechnical investigation activities, the proposed project is not expected to contribute to significant cumulative adverse impacts to the SAR or associated receiving waters. Geotechnical borings will be completed within the SAR using a truck-mounted drill rig with 8-inch-diameter hollow-stem augers. The work will temporarily impact approximately 0.001 acres. Borings will extend about 30 to 100 feet below ground surface, or until refusal. Soil samples will be collected at 5-foot intervals using either a modified split-barrel sampler or a standard penetration test sampler. Sampling will follow ASTM D1586 procedures, and blow counts will be recorded at 6-inch intervals. All samples will be sent to a laboratory for testing. After drilling is complete, each borehole will be filled with approximately up to 13 cubic yards of cement-bentonite grout. Excess soil cuttings will be placed in approved 55-gallon drums and transported to an appropriate disposal or recycling facility. Additional project description details are provided in Attachment 2, Supplemental Information.