

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality --- Water Quality Certification Program

**Public Notice of Application for
Amendment of Water Quality Certification**

April 21, 2017

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian Tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within two or more Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858, which governs the State's Certification Program.

Applicant: County of San Diego (County) Department of Public Works

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Project Name: County of San Diego, Flood Control Maintenance, Regional General Permit 53 (Project)

File Numbers: SB09016GN
SPL-2015-00131-MG

November 3, 2015 the County of San Diego Department of Public Works (County) submitted a request to the State Water Resources Control Board for modifications to the existing facilities list.

This is the third amendment of the Certification; adding six new sites. The first amendment, August 31, 2012, added the Oak Country II culvert to the list of facilities. The second amendment issued October 30, 2015; eliminated the expiration date in the November 2010 Order.

Project Purpose: Flood Control Maintenance

Project Description: The County performs routine flood control maintenance on bridges, culverts, and channels to prevent flooding of adjacent roadways or areas. Project activities involve removal of debris, sediment and vegetation at sites identified each fiscal year. The locations of the activities are within the boundaries of the Santa Ana and San Diego Regional

Water Boards. The purpose of this amendment is to update the list of 1056 sites identified by the County. The new sites are listed in Table 1.

Table 1

Site ID	Watershed	Latitude	Longitude	Impact
57-153	Carlsbad	33.2358	-117.2614	2800 sq.ft. Fresh Water March
FC-132	Sweetwater	32.74120	-116.91800	480 sq. ft. Fresh Water Marsh
FC-133	San Dieguito	33.0038	-117.0981	3584 sq. ft. Southern Willow Scrub
58-088	San Dieguito	33.01880	-117.10650	2592 sq. ft. Southern Willow Scrub
39-175	San Dieguito	33.03440	-116.93610	4800 sq.ft. Mule Fat Scrub
58-087	San Dieguito	33.0234	-117.1225	2400 sq.ft. Fresh Water March

Maintenance activities planned at the sites will remove sediment, trash and vegetation. The frequency of the maintenance occurs once a year, except for site 58-088 and FC-133 which will be cleaned every two years. In addition, the County conducted a quality control review of their Drainage Channel inventory (attachment D-2) finding that a total of 25 sites are in the inventory in error or no longer maintained by the County. These sites are listed in Table 2.

Table 2

Site ID	Watershed	Latitude	Longitude
15-001	Sweetwater	32.76666	-116.97244
15-002	San Diego	32.77063	-116.97537
15-003	Sweetwater	32.76784	-116.97322
15-007	Sweetwater	32.75492	-116.99909
15-042	Sweetwater	32.76828	-116.99702
15-043	Sweetwater	32.76865	-116.99428
15-051	Tijuana	32.56867	-116.91927
15-052	Otay	32.57367	-116.91917
15-053	Otay	32.57370	-116.91896
15-054	Otay	32.58939	-116.92704
15-055	Otay	32.59117	-116.92473
15-056	Otay	32.58310	-116.92042
15-057	Otay	32.58398	-116.92345
23-026	Anza-Borrego	32.66419	-116.26132
23-094	Anza-Borrego	32.66456	-116.26358

23-118	Tijuana	32.57811	-116.62773
33-LLCP-002	San Diego	32.85839	-116.92025
38-056	San Dieguito	33.023960	-116.929320
64-008	San Luis Rey	33.20602	-117.03261
64-029	San Luis Rey	33.20549	-117.03327
64-050	San Luis Rey	33.24400	-117.10917
64-072	San Luis Rey	33.29111	-116.99194
FC-068	Santa Margarita	33.37935	-117.25250
FC-070	Sweetwater	32.64714	-117.06317
GS #7	San Diego	32.85369	-116.97633

Project Location and Affected Counties: San Diego

Public Review Period: State Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by email or mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on **Friday, April 21, 2017** and ends at 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, May 12, 2017**. Written comments should be submitted to the following address:

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