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

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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.

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**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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