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## State Water Resources Control Board

### Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Regional General Permit 63 for Emergency Repair and Protection Activities

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
Water Quality Certification Program  
Date Posted: October 3, 2018

**Affected Counties:** Coastal drainages of San Luis Obispo County; all of Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura Counties; Mono County to the Conway Summit above Mono Lake; and the southern slopes of the Tehachapi Mountains in Kern County

**Affected Regional Boards:** Central Valley, Colorado River Basin, Lahontan, Los Angeles, San Diego and Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Boards

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the state's Water Quality Certification Program.

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff are proposing to regulate this Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. **Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter (October 3, 2018) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (October 24, 2018).** To submit comments, or if you have any questions, please contact the State Water Board staff person listed below.

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**Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.**

**Project Name: Regional General Permit 63 for Emergency Repair and Protection Activities**

(Reg. Meas. ID: 425441 and SWRCB ID: SB18056GN)

**Background:** On February 8, 2018, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps) public noticed an intent to reissue, with minor modifications, Regional General Permit 63 for Emergency Repair and Protection Activities (RGP 63). The Corps' public notice serves as the Corps' application for Water Quality Certification (Certification) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for RGP 63 for activities that will result in a discharge to waters of the U.S. within the jurisdiction of the Corps' Los Angeles District. RGP 63 was previously issued on November 29, 2013, and expires on November 22, 2018.

**Project Description:** RGP 63 authorizes activities pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act and section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 for permanent or temporary work or structures in navigable waters of the U.S., and/or the permanent or temporary discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands, for repair or protection activities for which the Corps has determined that an emergency situation exists. An emergency situation, as determined by the Corps, is one where there is a clear and imminent threat to life or property (such as those situations that could potentially result in an unacceptable hazard to life or a significant loss of property if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken immediately) demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services.

**A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the State Water Board for RGP 63 in response to this application.**

**Applicant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District**

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**Date of Application:** 2/8/2018

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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 Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

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[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/index.shtml)

Select "CWA401 Certification and Wetlands Program." By enrolling in this list, you will receive notices for all current 401 project applications, including the project announced in this notice. You will need a valid e-mail address to use this service. If you do not have internet access or do not wish to participate in the Lyris list, contact the staff person named in the notice to express your interest in receiving notices by other means.

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