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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **Public Notice of Water Quality Certification Application for San Bernardino County Flood Control Facilities 2026 Routine Maintenance Project**

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

**Date Posted: May 22, 2026**

#### **Affected County: San Bernardino**

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 full date after issuance of this notice (May 23, 2026) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (June 12, 2026).** To submit comments or 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: San Bernardino County Flood Control Facilities 2026 Routine Maintenance Project**

(Reg. Meas. ID: 465195 and SWRCB ID: SB26024IN)

**Background:** On May 19, 2026, San Bernardino County Flood Control District (District) submitted an application for Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for the San Bernardino County Flood Control Facilities 2026 Routine Maintenance Project (Project).

**Project Description:** The purpose of the Project is to maintain design capacity of flood control facilities for flood protection and public safety. The Project involves routine maintenance activities within designated existing flood control facilities (such as basins and channels) within the county. Routine maintenance includes mechanized land clearing (such as excavation to remove sediment and debris), vegetation management, repair and maintenance of access roads and flood control structures, bank repair, stockpile management, and vector and rodent control.

The Project application reports no permanent impacts to waters of the state, including waters of the U.S. All Project impacts are reported as temporary, because facilities would be returned to their as-built condition.

The District, acting as lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Project per the Categorical Exemption for Existing Facilities section 15301(b). The NOE has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse (# 2026010833) and is available at the following website: <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2026010833>

**A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the State Water Board for the San Bernardino County Flood Control Facilities 2026 Routine Maintenance Project in response to this application.**

**Applicant: San Bernardino County Flood Control District**

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**Date of Application Submittal: May 19, 2026**

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 U.S. must seek water quality certification (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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