

State Water Resources Control Board

**Public Notice of Application for
Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality
Certification
for City of Wildomar
Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 1**

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program
Date Posted: December 28, 2020

Affected County: Riverside

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Water Code section 13167.5, which pertains to notice of waste discharge requirements, and 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 the Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 1 (Project) pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.). **Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office during a 30-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter (December 28, 2020) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (January 27, 2021).** 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: Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 1

(Reg. Meas. ID: 436041 and SWRCB ID: SB19049IN)

Background: On November 13, 2020 the City of Wildomar's application for Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification and Waste Discharge Requirements was deemed complete for the Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 1 (Project).

Project Description: The purpose of Project is to improve circulation and to allow planned future growth in the area, as designated in the 2003 Riverside County General Plan. The Project will provide additional travel lanes and improve safety through modification of the roadway's horizontal alignment and vertical profile. The Project will provide near-term expected growth in traffic volumes. As currently planned, the overall Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project consists of three (3) segments, this Application is only for Segment 1 as described below.

The Project described in the application would occur along Bundy Canyon Road from the Cherry Street intersection (33.626860°, -117.271019) to 1,400 feet east of the Oak Canyon Drive intersection (33.627307°, -117.256818°).

The Project would widen Bundy Canyon Road from two to four lanes, construct new sound walls, and construct and modify stormwater drainage facilities throughout the Project alignment. The Project will also construct a new 14-foot wide concrete pedestrian and bicycle path from the Monte Vista Drive intersection to 1,400 feet east of the Oak Canyon Drive intersection. Project activities include grading, paving of existing and new roadbed, adjusting road alignment based on design speed criteria, adjusting the intersection geometry at cross streets, relocating utilities, acquiring right-of-way to accommodate widening of the road, and extending and/or replacing existing cross culverts under the current roadway. Roadside sections with widened pavements, curbs and gutters, and sidewalks will remain in place.

The Project application reports impacts to waters of the state, which are also waters of the U.S. (Table 1) as well as impacts to waters of the state that are outside of federal jurisdiction (Table 2). Total impacts to waters are shown in Table 3. Temporarily impacted areas would be restored to pre-project condition once project construction is complete. The applicant proposes to purchase mitigation credits from the Riverpark Mitigation Bank as compensatory mitigation for the Project's permanent impacts.

As part of the CEQA process, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared and adopted for the larger Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project. This EIR can be accessed at the following website:

http://www.cityofwildomar.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_9894739/File/Government/Departments/Public%20Works/Bundy%20Canyon-Scott%20Road%20Final%20EIR_September2014.pdf.

Table 1: Proposed Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Waters of the U.S.

Aquatic Resource type	Riparian Zone	Stream Channel
Acres of temporary impact	NA	0
Linear feet of temporary impact	NA	0
Acres of permanent physical loss of area	NA	0.18
Linear feet of permanent physical loss of area	NA	560

Table 2: Proposed Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Waters of the State that are not Under Federal Jurisdiction

Aquatic Resource type	Riparian Zone	Stream Channel
Acres of temporary impact	0.09	0.016
Linear feet of temporary impact	230	170
Acres of permanent physical loss of area	0.03	0.01
Linear feet of permanent physical loss of area	190	45

Table 3: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity

Aquatic Resource type	Riparian Zone	Stream Channel
Acres of temporary impact	0.09	0.016
Linear feet of temporary impact	230	170
Acres of permanent physical loss of area	0.03	0.19
Linear feet of permanent physical loss of area	190	605

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

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Date Application Deemed Complete: November 13, 2020

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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