

State Water Resources Control Board

**Public Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification for County of San Diego, Flood Control Maintenance,
Regional General Permit 53**
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program
Date Posted: November 5, 2020

Affected County: San Diego

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 (November 5, 2020) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (November 26, 2020).** 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: County of San Diego, Flood Control Maintenance, Regional General Permit 53

(Reg. Meas. ID: 807812 and SWRCB ID: SB20029IN)

Background: On November 6, 2020 the San Diego County application for Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification was deemed complete for the Flood Control Maintenance, Regional General Permit 53 (Project).

Project Description: The Project is the renewal of an existing programmatic 401 permit for the routine maintenance of County of San Diego flood control facilities. This blanket permit authorizes mechanical sediment, vegetation, and debris removal activities (maintenance activities) of San Diego County, Department of Public Works maintained bridges, culverts and selected channels to prevent flooding of existing adjacent roadways and/or properties.

Site-specific notification must be submitted and approved by resource agencies before initiation of an individual maintenance activity, followed by post-activity reporting of impacts.

The Applicant is required to provide compensatory mitigation for unavoidable permanent and temporary impacts to waters of the State.

A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the State Water Board for the Flood Control Maintenance, Regional General Permit 53 Project in response to this application.

Applicant: County of San Diego

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Date Application Deemed Complete: November 5, 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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To be informed of milestones in the development of this proposed Water Quality Certification, any interested persons should enroll in the State Water Board's 401 Program e-mail notification service.

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/index.shtml

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