



State Water Resources Control Board

Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification for City of Wildomar Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 2

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program
Date Posted: July 31, 2023

Affected County: Riverside

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 the Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 2 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 following issuance of this notice (August 1, 2023) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (August 22, 2023).** To submit comments, or if you have questions, please contact the State Water Board contact listed below.

State Water Resources Control Board Contact:

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

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Project Name: Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 2

(Reg. Meas. ID: 453607 and SWRCB ID: SB23051IN)

Background: On July 17, 2023, the City of Wildomar submitted an application for a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for the Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 2 (Project).

Project Description: The purpose of the Project is to improve traffic circulation and to allow for planned future growth in the area, as designated in the 2003 Riverside County General Plan, by providing additional travel lanes and improving safety. As currently planned, the overall Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project consists of three segments, this application is only for Segment 2, which would occur along Bundy Canyon Road from about 1,400 feet east of Oak Canyon Dr. to about 500 feet west of Harvest Way.

The Project would widen Bundy Canyon Road from two to four lanes, add a two-way left-turn/stripped median, dedicate turn lanes at specific intersections, and improve traffic signals at various intersections. The Project will also incorporate a 15-foot-wide multi-use trail on the north side of Bundy Canyon Road, beginning at Monte Vista Drive and continuing through the entire Project past Farm Road for a total length of 2.2 miles. The dedicated path will provide nonmotorized users increased mobility and access via a safe travel route.

The Project application reports impacts to waters of the state, including waters of the United States, as shown in Table 1. Temporarily impacted areas would be restored to pre-project condition once the Project is complete.

The City of Wildomar, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopted an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project. This EIR can be accessed with the following contact:
City of Wildomar, Planning Department
Attn: Matthew Bassi, Planning Director
23873 Clinton Keith Road, #201
Wildomar, CA 92595

Table 1: Proposed Project Fill/Excavation Impacts to Waters of the State

Aquatic Resource type	Stream Channel
Acres of temporary impact	0.31
Linear feet of temporary impact	1100
Acres of permanent physical loss of area	0.08
Linear feet of permanent physical loss of area	527

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

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Date of Application Submittal: July 17, 2023

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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