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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
No. 7015 3010 0001 9147 7451

AMENDMENT OF CONDITIONAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED SOFT BOTTOM CHANNEL REACHES 112 & 117 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PROJECT (Corps' Project No. SPL-2015-00239-BLR), BALLONA CREEK & CENTINELA CREEK, MARINA DEL REY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY (File No. 14-125)

Dear Mr. Kumar:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is in receipt of your notification on March 29, 2016, requesting modification of your Conditional Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the subject project issued on April 27, 2015 (Certification).

As we understand, County of Los Angeles Flood Control District (Applicant) is requesting to extend the expiration date of the Conditional Water Quality Certification in order to be consistent with the expiration of the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) 404 permit which expires on March 18, 2017. Certification 14-125 is hereby extended so that the applicant may continue the proposed project through the duration of the valid 401 US ACOE permit.

In response to your request, under Attachment B, Item 30, Conditions of Certification, will read:

30. This Certification shall expire upon expiration of the underlying federal permit, Army Corp of Engineers' Clean Water Act Section 404 permit No. SPL-2015-00239-BLR. The Applicant shall submit a complete application prior to termination of this Certification if renewal is requested.

In addition, to allow for the incorporation of improved clearing methods, the last two paragraphs of Item 6, Project Description, will have additional text as follows (additional text in underline):

The upper channel section of SBC Reach 112 includes the segment between Centinela Avenue and the Marina Freeway (Fwy 90), which also coincides with the California Coastal Commission's upstream Coastal Zone boundary limit. Vegetation in the upper channel section will be removed annually, as necessary, by

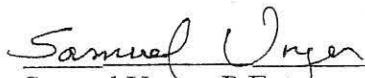
hand and heavy equipment. Mowing vegetation instead of scraping sediment to remove vegetation will be used when appropriate. Vegetation in the lower channel section will be removed annually, as necessary, using hand and hand-held mechanical tools.

Within the Soft Bottom Channel Reach 117 (Centinela Creek) LACFCD will inspect and mechanically remove debris, invasive (non-native) vegetation, and root systems in this 422 linear-foot channel reach to ensure proper functioning of the flood control infrastructure. Mowing vegetation instead of scraping sediment to remove vegetation will be used when appropriate. Minor repair of riprap and concrete levees and maintenance of outlet structures will also be conducted throughout the channel reach, as necessary.

I have determined that the above-proposed modification does not constitute a significant change in the nature or scope of the activities described for the project in your original application. Therefore, all of the proposed modifications are hereby incorporated into 401 Certification No. 14-125 and no additional action by this agency pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act is necessary. This determination is limited to the proposed modifications contained in your notification to this Regional Board dated April 27, 2015 and described herein, and does not eliminate the Applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this certification action, please contact Valerie Carrillo Zara, P.G., Lead, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-6759.

Sincerely,


Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

Sept. 2, 2016
Date

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