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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Dear Mr. Romo:

RE: CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER
FOR THE HIGUERA STREET BRIDGE OVER BALLONA CREEK (4WQC40114109)

Enclosed please find a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Order, authorized by Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer, Deborah J. Smith. This Order is issued to Sammy Romo, City of Culver City (Applicant) for Higuera Street Bridge Over Ballona Creek (Project). Attachments A through C of the Enclosure are also part of the Order.

This Order is issued in response to an application submitted by the Sammy Romo for proposed Project discharge to waters of the state, to ensure that the water quality standards for all waters of the state impacted by the Project are met. You may proceed with your Project according to the terms and conditions of the enclosed Order.

If you require further assistance, please contact me by phone at (213) 576-6759 or by email at Valerie.CarrilloZara@waterboards.ca.gov

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Sincerely,

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CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER

Effective Date: June 21, 2018

Program Type: Fill/Excavation

Reg. Meas. ID:	402007
Place ID:	816425
WDID:	4WQC40114109
NWP:	14
USACOE#:	Non-notify
R4 File No	14-109

Project Type: Bridges, Overpasses and Crossings

Project: Higuera Street Bridge over Ballona Creek Bridge Replacement (Project)

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I. Order

This Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 Water Quality Certification action and Order (Order) is issued at the request of City of Culver City (herein after Permittee) for the Project. This Order is for the purpose described in application and supplemental information submitted by the Permittee. The application was received on September 22, 2014. The application was deemed complete on March 14, 2018.

II. Public Notice

The Los Angeles Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from September 14, 2014 to the effective date of Order. The Los Angeles Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

III. Project Purpose

The purpose of the Project is to replace existing Higuera Street Bridge over Ballona Creek.

IV. Project Description

The Project will replace the existing bridge including widening the bridge from approximately 41 feet to 70 feet. The existing structure will be replaced by a single-span cast-in-place bridge with pre-stressed concrete box girders and 24-inch cast-in-drilled-hole piles positioned between the existing steel piles. The new bridge will have two 12-foot vehicle lanes, a 5-foot bike lane, and a 6-foot sidewalk in each direction. With implementation of the Project, one vehicle lane will be added to the bridge to close the existing gap, thus eliminating the bottleneck. The number of through lanes at the adjacent Higuera Street intersections (two lanes in each direction) would remain the same; therefore, the Project will not increase capacity. The Project will also include a new ramp connection from Higuera Street to the bike path.

To complete the Project, right of way (ROW) acquisition of approximately 791 square feet (0.02 acre) of private land adjacent to the bridge will be required from two parcels to the south of the bridge (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 4205-025-008 and APN 4205-025-003). Permanent easements of approximately 5,171 square feet (0.12 acre) of land will be required from three Los Angeles Flood Control District (LACFCD) parcels adjacent to the bridge.

The project will include the construction of a crosswalk at the Higuera Street/Eastham Drive intersection. The crosswalk will connect to a bike and pedestrian ramp at the southwest corner of the bridge that will connect to the existing bike path that crosses under the bridge. The final location of temporary construction easements (TCE) will be determined during final design. During construction, the bridge will be closed to traffic; however, optional routes to cross Ballona Creek will be available, including National Boulevard and Duquesne Avenue. A traffic management plan (TMP) identifying detour routes will be developed during final design.

Several utilities within the existing bridge structure will be replaced, including an American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) telephone conduit and a Golden State Water Company water main (to be upgraded). Existing Southern California Edison (SCE) high voltage transmission power poles on the north side of the bridge will be protected in place, with the exception of one guy-wire pole at the southwest corner of the bridge. There are streetlight, traffic signal, sewer, and storm drain facilities both east and west of the bridge structure. Streetlight and traffic signal pull boxes, cabinets, and other facilities will be relocated, and

storm drain catch basins, adjacent driveway approaches, and signs will be reconstructed and adjusted to grade. One drainage outlet located at the southwest corner of the bridge, which currently drains onto the bike path, may need to be relocated.

During the time of construction, it is expected that no federally listed (threatened or endangered) species and designated critical habitat or state listed species will be within the biological study area (BSA), which comprises of approximately 1.82 acres of land that consist of the proposed bridge, roadway, bike path footprint, vegetated areas at the top to the concrete-lined creek banks, and the creek channel from 100 feet upstream to 100 feet downstream of the bridge. However, there is potential for migratory birds to be within the BSA and the bridge demolition as well as the vegetation removal could result in the direct impact of the nesting birds and roosting bats.

A water diversion may be required for the project and will consist of two sandbag berms installed in a V-shape that would direct the flows into a plastic culvert pipe, or similar. The water diversion would extend for approximately 241 feet to enclose water in the project area and prevent work in flowing water. Flows would be unimpeded and would be released approximately 100 feet downstream of the project area. If required, the water diversion plan will be submitted to the appropriate resource agencies for review and approval prior to the start of dewatering operations.

V. Project Location

The Project is located on Higuera Street in Culver City, Los Angeles County.

<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
34.021824	-118.378868
34.022285	-118.378201
34.022245	-118.377688
34.021726	-118.378241
34.022215	-118.378183
34.022186	-118.377842
34.021753	-118.378392
34.021874	-118.378688

Maps showing the Project location are found in Attachment A of this Order.

VI. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the applicable water quality control plan (Basin Plan) for the region and other plans and policies which may be accessed online at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/. The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This Order promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

Receiving Water: Ballona Creek Reach 2
(Hydrologic Unit Code: 180701040300)

Designated Beneficial Uses: MUN*, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, WILD

*Conditional beneficial use

VII. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity									
Aquatic Resource Type	Temporary Impact ¹			Permanent Impact					
				Physical Loss of Area			Degradation of Ecological Condition Only		
	Acres	CY ²	LF	Acres	CY	LF	Acres	CY	LF
Stream Channel	0.45								

VIII. Compensatory Mitigation

No compensatory mitigation is required for impacts because the impacts are temporary in nature and concrete to concrete.

IX. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

On November 14, 2016, the City of Culver City, as lead agency, adopted an initial study/negative declaration (IS/ND). The Los Angeles Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that City of Culver City’s adopted environmental document comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21167.3.) The Los Angeles Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and finds that the environmental document prepared by City of Culver City adequately addresses the Project’s water resource impacts. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (f).)

X. Petitions for Reconsideration

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Board to reconsider this Order in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867. A petition for reconsideration must be submitted in writing and received within 30 calendar days of the issuance of this Order.

XI. Fees Received

An application fee of \$4,096 was received on 9/22/2014. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of \$5,971. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), and was calculated as Fill and Excavation Discharges with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state.

² Cubic Yards (CY); Linear Feet (LF)

XII. Conditions

The Los Angeles Water Board has independently reviewed the record of the Project to analyze impacts to water quality and designated beneficial uses within the watershed of the Project. In accordance with this Order, the Permittee may proceed with the Project under the following terms and conditions:

A. Authorization

Impacts to waters of the state shall not exceed quantities shown in Table 1.

B. Reporting and Notification Requirements

Requirements for the content of these reporting and notification types are detailed in Attachment C, including specifications for photo and map documentation during the Project. Written reports and notifications must be submitted using the Reporting and Notification Cover Sheet located in Attachment C, which must be signed by the Permittee or an authorized representative.

1. Project Reporting

- a. **Annual Reporting:** The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report each year on the anniversary of the Project effective date. Annual Reporting requirements are detailed in Attachment C. Annual reporting shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.

2. Project Status Notifications

- a. **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter following completion of active Project construction activities, including any required restoration and permittee-responsible mitigation. This request shall be submitted to the Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities. Upon acceptance of the request, Los Angeles Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee which will end the active discharge period and associated annual fees.
- b. **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** The Permittee shall submit a Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter when construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete,³ and no further Project activities will occur. This request shall be submitted to Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities. Upon approval of the request, the Los Angeles Water Board staff shall issue a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee which will end the post discharge monitoring period and associated annual fees.

3. **Conditional Notifications and Reports:** The following notifications and reports are required as appropriate.

³ Completion of post-construction monitoring shall be determined by Los Angeles Water Board staff and shall be contingent on successful attainment of restoration and mitigation performance criteria.

a. Accidental Discharges of Hazardous Materials⁴

Following an accidental discharge of a reportable quantity of a hazardous material, sewage, or an unknown material, the following applies (Wat. Code, § 13271):

- i. As soon as (A) Permittee has knowledge of the discharge or noncompliance, (B) notification is possible, and (C) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures then:
 - first call – 911 (to notify local response agency)
 - then call – Office of Emergency Services (OES) State Warning Center at: (800) 852-7550 or (916) 845-8911
 - Lastly follow the required OES procedures as set forth in:
[http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill Booklet Feb2014 FINAL BW Acc.pdf](http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/CalOES-Spill%20Booklet%20Feb2014%20FINAL%20BW%20Acc.pdf)
- ii. Following notification to OES, the Permittee shall notify Los Angeles Water Board, as soon as practicable (ideally within 24 hours). Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.
- iii. Within five (5) working days of notification to the Los Angeles Water Board, the Permittee must submit an Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report.

b. Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards: The Permittee shall notify the Los Angeles Water Board of any event causing a violation of compliance with water quality standards. Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, or delivered written notice.

- i. Examples of noncompliance events include: lack of storm water treatment following a rain event, discharges causing a visible plume in a water of the state, and water contact with uncured concrete.
- ii. This notification must be followed within three (3) working days by submission of a Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report.

c. In-Water Work

- i. If stream diversion will be necessary, the Permittee shall submit to the Los Angeles Water Board staff a Stream Diversion Plan, with a diagram and a narrative description of the method to divert the stream and associated BMPs for acceptance at least 30 days in advance of any stream diversion.

⁴ "Hazardous material" means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. "Hazardous materials" include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, and any material that a handler or the administering agency has a reasonable basis for believing that it would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. (Health & Saf. Code, § 25501.)

- ii. During stream diversion, water quality monitoring shall be conducted. Requirements for water quality monitoring are below.
- iii. The Permittee shall notify the Los Angeles Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in water or stream diversions. Notification may be via telephone, e-mail, or delivered written notice.
- iv. Within three (3) working days following completion of work in water or stream diversions, an In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report must be submitted to Los Angeles Water Board staff.

d. Modifications to Project

Project modifications may require an amendment of this Order. The Permittee shall give advance notice to Los Angeles Water Board staff if Project implementation as described in the application materials is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority by submitting a Modifications to Project Report. The Permittee shall inform Los Angeles Water Board staff of any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with this Order.

e. Transfer of Property Ownership: This Order is not transferable in its entirety or in part to any person or organization except after notice to the Los Angeles Water Board in accordance with the following terms:

- i. The Permittee must notify the Los Angeles Water Board of any change in ownership or interest in ownership of the Project area by submitting a Transfer of Property Ownership Report. The Permittee and purchaser must sign and date the notification and provide such notification to the Los Angeles Water Board at least 10 days prior to the transfer of ownership.
- ii. Until such time as this Order has been modified to name the purchaser as the permittee, the Permittee shall continue to be responsible for all requirements set forth in this Order.

C. Water Quality Monitoring

1. **General:** If surface water is present, continuous visual surface water monitoring shall be conducted to detect accidental discharge of construction related pollutants (e.g. oil and grease, turbidity plume, or uncured concrete).
2. **Accidental Discharges/Noncompliance:** Upon occurrence of an accidental discharge of hazardous materials or a violation of compliance with a water quality standard, Los Angeles Water Board staff may require water quality monitoring based on the discharge constituents and/or related water quality objectives and beneficial uses.
3. **In-Water Work or Diversions:**

During planned work in water or stream diversions any discharge(s) to waters of the state shall conform to the following water quality standards:

- a. Oil and Grease. Waters shall not contain oils, greases, waxes or other materials in concentrations that result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the water or on objects in the water, that cause nuisance, or that otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.
- b. Dissolved Oxygen. The dissolved oxygen content of all surface waters designated as WARM shall not be depressed below 5 mg/L as a result of waste discharges.
- d. pH. The pH of inland surface waters shall not be depressed below 6.5 or raised above 8.5 as a result of waste discharges. Ambient pH levels shall not be changed more than 0.5 units from natural conditions as a result of waste discharge.
- e. Turbidity. Downstream TSS shall be maintained at ambient levels. Where natural turbidity is between 0 and 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU), increases shall not exceed 20%. Where natural turbidity is greater than 50 NTU, increases shall not exceed 10%.

Sampling shall be conducted in accordance with Table 2 sampling parameters.⁵

Parameter	Unit of Measurement	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Oil and Grease	N/A	Visual	Continuous
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L & % saturation	Grab	Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter
pH	Standard Units	Grab	Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter
Temperature	°F (or as °C)	Grab	Daily for the first week, weekly, thereafter

Baseline sampling shall be conducted at least one location within the project boundary for each phase. All other sampling shall take place at a minimum of two locations. In streams or flowing water the sample locations shall be upstream and downstream. Results of the analyses shall be submitted to this Regional Board by the 15th day of each subsequent sampling month. A map or drawing indicating the locations of sampling points shall be included with each submittal.

D. Standard

⁵ Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136; where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, the method shall be approved by Los Angeles Water Board staff. Grab samples shall be taken between the surface and mid-depth and not be collected at the same time each day to get a complete representation of variations in the receiving water. A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring shall be maintained onsite.

1. This Order is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to Water Code section 13330, and California Code of Regulations, title 23, chapter 28, Article 6 commencing with sections 3867-3869, inclusive. Additionally, the Los Angeles Water Board reserves the right to suspend, cancel, or modify and reissue this Order, after providing notice to the Permittee, if the Los Angeles Water Board determines that: the Project fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order; or, when necessary to implement any new or revised water quality standards and implementation plans adopted or approved pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.) or federal Clean Water Act section 303 (33 U.S.C. § 1313). For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), the condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with water quality standards and appropriate requirements of state law.
2. This Order is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license, unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to subsection 3855(b) of chapter 28, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, and that application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. This Order is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under title 23 of the California Code of Regulations and owed by the Permittee.
4. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Order, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process, or sanctions as provided for under state and federal law. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, processes, or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Order.

E. General Compliance

1. Failure to comply with any condition of this Order shall constitute a violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the Clean Water Act. The Permittee and/or discharger may then be subject to administrative and/or civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13385.
2. Permitted actions must not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standards, including impairment of designated beneficial uses for receiving waters as adopted in the Basin Plans by any applicable Los Angeles Water Board or any applicable State Water Board (collectively Water Boards) water quality control plan or policy. The source of any such discharge must be eliminated as soon as practicable.
3. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Order, the Los Angeles Water Board may require the holder of this Order to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Water Boards deem appropriate, provide that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. The additional monitoring requirements ensure that permitted discharges and activities comport with

any applicable effluent limitations, water quality standards, and/or other appropriate requirement of state law.

4. The Permittee must, at all times, fully comply with engineering plans, specifications, and technical reports submitted to support this Order; and all subsequent submittals required as part of this Order. The conditions within this Order and Attachments supersede conflicting provisions within Permittee submittals.
5. This Order and all of its conditions contained herein continue to have full force and effect regardless of the expiration or revocation of any federal license or permit issued for the Project. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), this condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements of state law.
6. **Construction General Permit Requirement:** The Permittee shall maintain compliance with conditions described in, and required by, NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ; NPDES No. CAS000002, as amended).

F. Administrative

1. Signatory requirements for all document submittals required by this Order are presented in Attachment B of this Order.
2. This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered or candidate species or any act, which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, §§ 2050-2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this Order held by the Permittee, the Permittee must obtain authorization for the take prior to any construction or operation of the portion of the Project that may result in a take. The Permittee is responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable endangered species act for the Project authorized under this Order.
3. The Permittee shall grant Los Angeles Water Board staff, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a Water Board representative), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, permission to:
 - a. Enter upon the Project or compensatory mitigation site(s) premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept.
 - b. Have access to and copy any records that are kept and are relevant to the Project or the requirements of this Order.
 - c. Inspect any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order.
 - d. Sample or monitor for the purposes of assuring Order compliance.
4. A copy of this Order shall be provided to any consultants, contractors, and subcontractors working on the Project. Copies of this Order shall remain at the Project

site for the duration of this Order. The Permittee shall be responsible for work conducted by its consultants, contractors, and any subcontractors.

5. A copy of this Order must be available at the Project site(s) during construction for review by site personnel and agencies. All personnel performing work on the Project shall be familiar with the content of this Order and its posted location at the Project site.
6. Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement – The Permittee shall submit a signed copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's lake and streambed alteration agreement to the Los Angeles Water Board immediately upon execution and prior to any discharge to waters of the state.
7. This Certification shall expire **five (5) years** from date of this Certification. The Applicant shall submit a complete application at least 90 days prior to termination of this Certification if renewal is requested.

G. On-site Mitigation for Temporary Impacts

1. The Permittee shall restore all areas of temporary impacts to waters of the state and all Project site upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge of waters of the state

H. Best Management Practices

1. Measures to Protect Wildlife

- In compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the California Fish and Game Code, the following measures shall be implemented during construction to avoid and minimize impacts on nesting birds:
 - Construction areas shall be reduced to the maximum extent feasible to avoid impacts on migratory birds and raptors.
 - Construction activities within 300 feet of potential nesting areas (500 feet for potential raptor nests) shall be scheduled outside of the nesting bird season (typically February 15 to September 15) to the extent feasible. Vegetation trimming for the project shall be minimized and shall be performed outside of the nesting season to the extent feasible.
 - If vegetation trimming or clearing is conducted during the nesting season, nesting bird surveys shall be completed by a qualified biologist no more than 48 hours prior to trimming or clearing activities to determine if nesting birds are within the affected vegetation. Surveys shall be repeated if trimming or removal activities are suspended for five days or more.
- If construction is scheduled during bird nesting season, nesting bird surveys shall be completed no more than 48 hours prior to construction to determine if nesting birds or active nests are on the bridge, beneath the bridge, or within 300 feet of the construction area. Surveys shall be repeated if construction activities are suspended for five days or more.
- If nesting birds are found in the project area, appropriate buffer areas (typically 300 feet for songbirds and up to 500 feet for raptors) shall be implemented, in coordination with

the appropriate resource agencies, to ensure that nesting birds and active nests are not harmed.

- To avoid and minimize potential impacts on bats, the following measures shall be implemented:
 - During the non-breeding season (typically October 1-April 31), the bridge structure shall be thoroughly surveyed for bats by a qualified biologist with bat experience, approved by CDFW, to identify any active or potential bat-roosting cavities. If any bats are found roosting in the bridge, they shall be safely excluded under the direction of the approved biologist and under consultation with the CDFW.
 - Once it has been determined that all roosting bats have been safely excluded from the bridge, exclusionary devices approved by the CDFW shall be installed and maintained to prevent bats from roosting in these areas prior to and during construction. A summary report shall be prepared upon completion of these activities and submitted to the CDFW.
- Vegetation removed from the biological study area (BSA) shall be treated and disposed of in a manner that shall prevent the spread of invasive species on- or off-site. New landscaping materials, including erosion control seed mixes, shall be composed of non-invasive species, and all erosion control and landscape planting shall be conducted in a manner that shall not result in the spread of invasive species.

2. Good Site Management “Housekeeping”

- Work areas shall be reduced to the extent feasible to avoid Ballona Creek and minimize impacts on jurisdictional areas.
- Staging areas shall be outside the channel to reduce direct and indirect impacts on Ballona Creek.
- BMPs shall be implemented during construction to minimize the potential for concrete dust, debris, paint chips, rust, and construction materials to fall into the channel, or otherwise leave the construction area.
 - Possible methods to prevent materials from falling into the channel include tenting or constructing a debris-catching platform below the bridge.
- All equipment refueling and maintenance shall be conducted in the staging area per standard specifications. In addition, BMPs shall be implemented during construction to reduce potential impacts associated with leaks and spills of oil, fuel, or machinery fluids.
- All trash and construction debris shall be removed from the channel and construction areas on a daily basis. All BMPs shall be properly maintained during project construction, and removed upon completion of construction activities. After completion of the project, all construction equipment, materials, and scaffolding shall be removed from the BSA, and the BSA shall be returned to pre-project conditions.

3. Storm Water

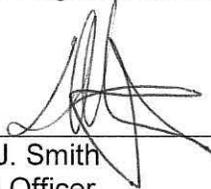
The project shall comply with the local regulations associated with the Los Angeles Water Board's Municipal Stormwater Permit issued to Los Angeles County and co-permittees under NPDES No. CAS004001 and Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R4-2012-0175.

XIII. Water Quality Certification

I hereby issue the Order for the HIGUERA STREET BRIDGE PROJECT, 4WQC40114109 certifying that as long as all of the conditions listed in this Order are met, any discharge from the referenced Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Clean Water Act sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards).

This discharge is also regulated pursuant to State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ which authorizes this Order to serve as Waste Discharge Requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Order actions are contingent on: (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the conditions of this Order and the attachments to this Order; and, (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of Statewide Water Quality Control Plans and Policies, the Regional Water Boards' Water Quality Control Plans and Policies.



Deborah J. Smith
Executive Officer
Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board

6-21-18

Date

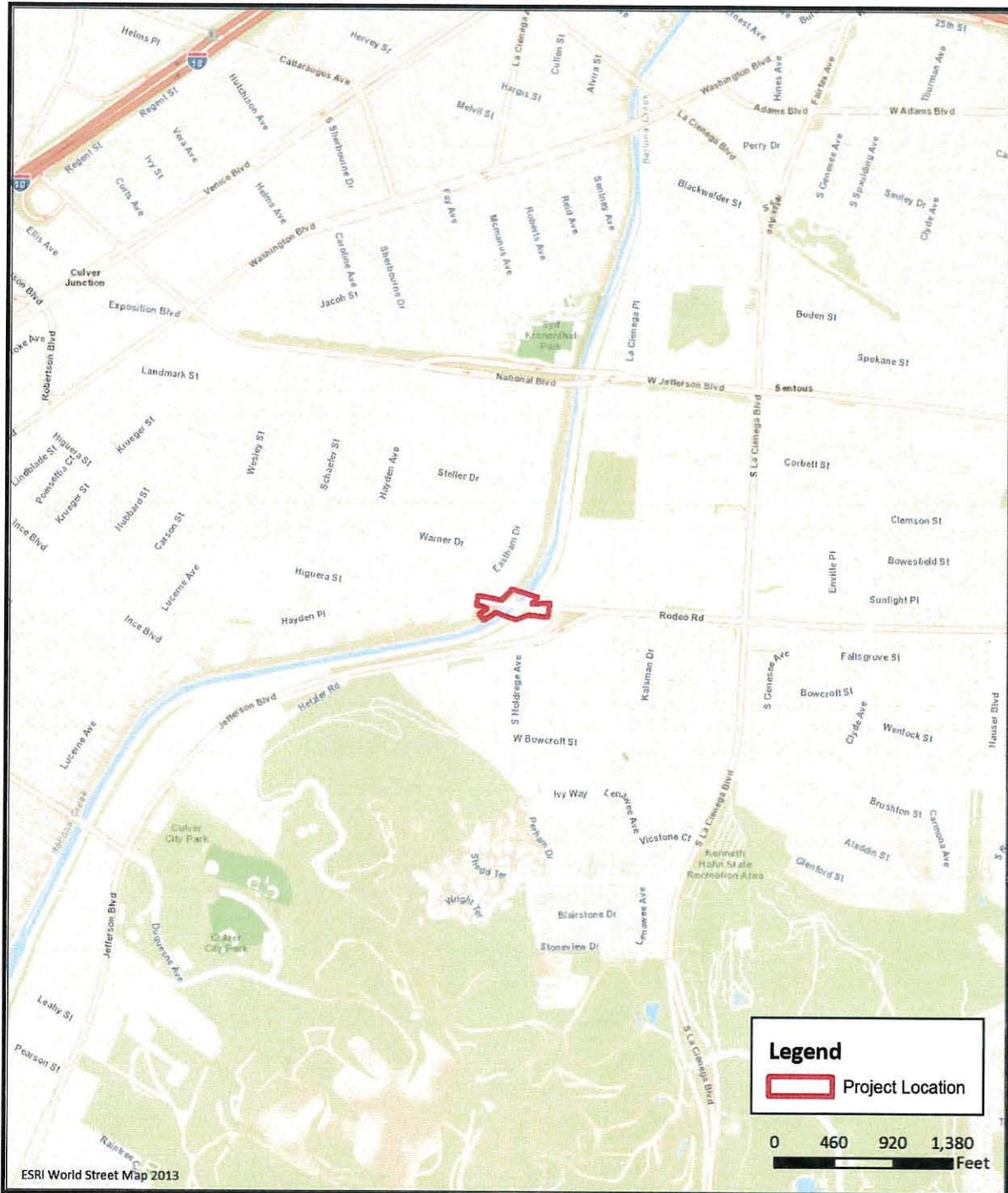


FIGURE 2. PROJECT LOCATION MAP
Higuera Street Bridge Replacement



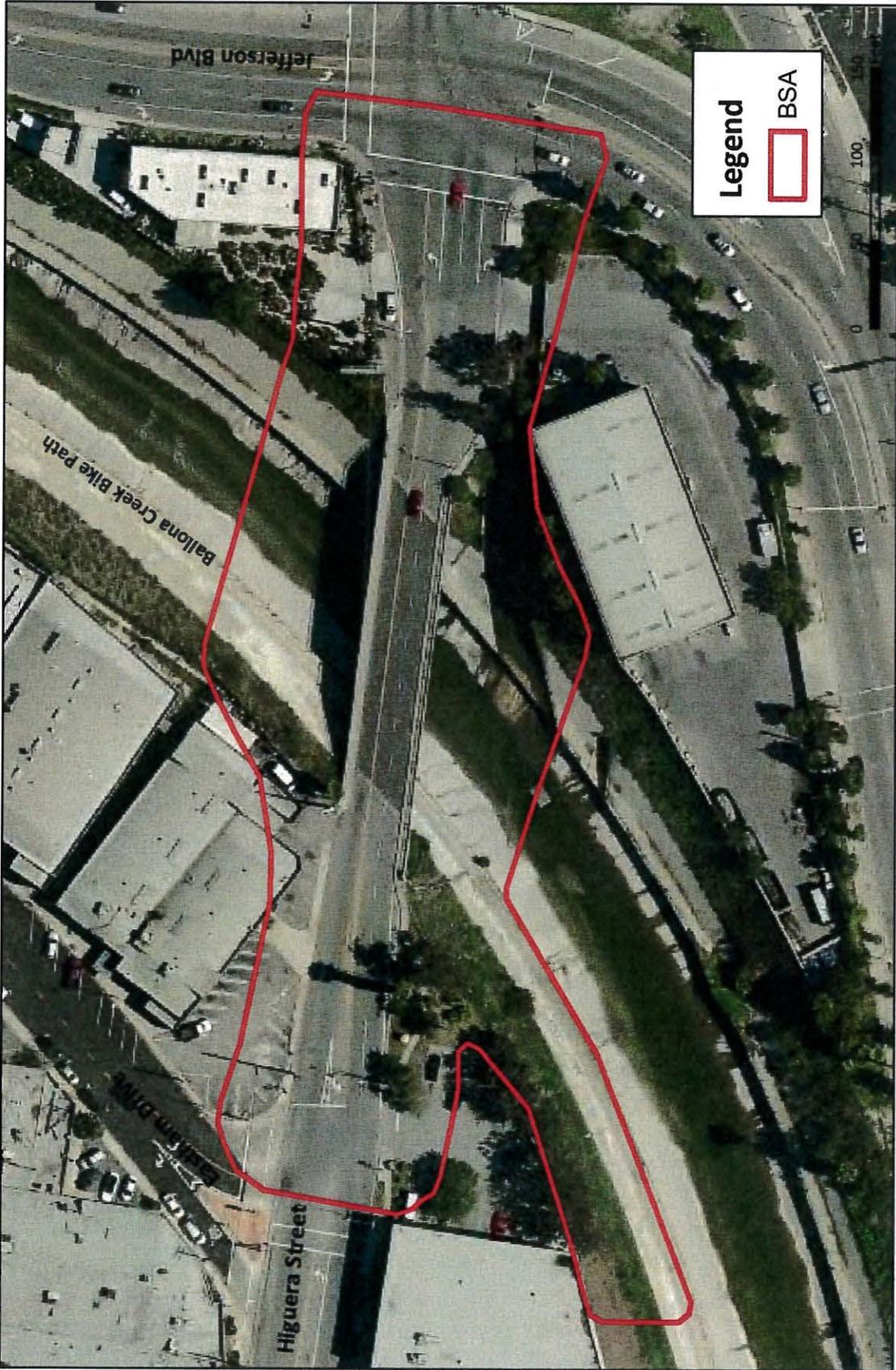


FIGURE 3. BSA MAP
Higuera Street Bridge Replacement



Attachment B
Signatory Requirements

SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

*All Documents Submitted In Compliance With This Order
Shall Meet The Following Signatory Requirements:*

1. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) must be signed and certified as follows:
 - a) For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer of at least the level of vice-president.
 - b) For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or proprietor, respectively.
 - c) For a municipality, or a state, federal, or other public agency, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
2. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in items 1.a through 1.c above may sign documents if:
 - a) The authorization is made in writing by a person described in items 1.a through 1.c above.
 - b) The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated activity.
 - c) The written authorization is submitted to the State Water Board Staff Contact prior to submitting any documents listed in item 1 above.
3. Any person signing a document under this section shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

Copies of this Form

Include a copy of the Project specific Cover Sheet below with your report: please retain a copy for your records.

Report Submittal Instructions

1. Check the box on the Report and Notification Cover Sheet next to the report or notification you are submitting.
 - **Part A (Annual Report):** This report will be submitted annually from the anniversary of Project effective date until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued.
 - **Part B (Project Status Notifications):** Used to notify the Los Angeles Water Board of the status of the Project schedule that may affect Project billing.
 - **Part C (Conditional Notifications and Reports):** Required on a case by case basis for accidental discharges of hazardous materials, violation of compliance with water quality standards, notification of in-water work, or other reports.
2. Sign the Report and Notification Cover Sheet and attach all information requested for the Report Type.
3. **Electronic Report Submittal Instructions:**
 - Submit signed Report and Notification Cover Sheet and required information via email to: Valerie.CarrilloZara@waterboards.ca.gov
 - Include in the subject line of the email:
Subject: ATTN: Valerie CarrilloZara ; File No: 14-109, Reg. Measure ID: 402007 Report

Definition of Reporting Terms

1. **Active Discharge Period:** The active discharge period begins with the effective date of this Order and ends on the date that the Permittee receives a Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter or, if no post-construction monitoring is required, a Notice of Project Complete Letter. The Active Discharge Period includes all elements of the Project including site construction and restoration, and any Permittee responsible compensatory mitigation construction.
2. **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Los Angeles Water Board staff pertains to projects that have post construction monitoring requirements, e.g. if site restoration was required to be monitored for 5 years following construction. Los Angeles Water Board staff will review the request and send a Completion of Discharges Letter to the Permittee upon approval. This letter will initiate the post-discharge monitoring period and a change in fees from the annual active discharge fee to the annual post-discharge monitoring fee.
3. **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter:** This request by the Permittee to the Los Angeles Water Board staff pertains to projects that either have completed post-construction monitoring and achieved performance standards or have no post-construction monitoring requirements, and no further

Project activities are planned. Los Angeles Water Board staff will review the request and send a Project Complete Letter to the Permittee upon approval. Termination of annual invoicing of fees will correspond with the date of this letter.

4. **Post-Discharge Monitoring Period:** The post-discharge monitoring period begins on the date of the Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter and ends on the date of the Notice of Project Complete Letter issued by the Los Angeles Water Board staff. The Post-Discharge Monitoring Period includes continued water quality monitoring or compensatory mitigation monitoring.
5. **Effective Date:** Date of Order issuance.

Map/Photo Documentation Information

When submitting maps or photos, please use the following formats.

1. **Map Format Information:**

Preferred map formats of at least 1:24000 (1" = 2000') detail (listed in order of preference):

- **GIS shapefiles:** The shapefiles must depict the boundaries of all project areas and extent of aquatic resources impacted. Each shape should be attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Features and boundaries should be accurate to within 33 feet (10 meters). Identify datum/projection used and if possible, provide map with a North American Datum of 1983 (NAD38) in the California Teale Albers projection in feet.
- **Google KML files** saved from Google Maps: My Maps or Google Earth Pro. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. Include URL(s) of maps. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- **Other electronic format** (CAD or illustration format) that provides a context for location (inclusion of landmarks, known structures, geographic coordinates, or USGS DRG or DOQQ). Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.
- Aquatic resource maps marked on paper **USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps** or **Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQ)** printouts. Maps must show the boundaries of all project areas and extent/type of aquatic resources impacted. If this format is used include a spreadsheet with the object ID and attributed with the extent/type of aquatic resources impacted.

2. **Photo-Documentation:** Include a unique identifier, date stamp, written description of photo details, and latitude/longitude (in decimal degrees) or map indicating location of photo. Successive photos should be taken from the same vantage point to compare pre/post construction conditions.

REPORT AND NOTIFICATION COVER SHEET

Project: Higuera Street Bridge Over Ballona Creek
Permittee: Sammy Romo
Reg. Meas. ID: 402007 **Place ID:** 816425 **File No:** 14-109

Report Type Submitted

Part A – Project Reporting

Report Type **Annual Report**

Part B - Project Status Notifications

Report Type **Commencement of Construction**

Report Type **Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter**

Report Type **Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter**

Part C - Conditional Notifications and Reports

Report Type **Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report**

Report Type **Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report**

Report Type **In-Water Work/Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report**

Report Type **Modifications to Project Report**

Report Type **Transfer of Property Ownership Report**

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

Print Name ¹

Affiliation and Job Title

Signature

Date

¹STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION (include if authorization has changed since application was submitted)

I hereby authorize _____ to act in my behalf as my representative in the submittal of this report, and to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of this submittal.

Permittee's Signature

Date

*This Report and Notification Cover Sheet must be signed by the Permittee or a duly authorized representative and included with all written submittals.

Part A – Project Reporting

Report Type	Annual Report
Report Purpose	Notify the Los Angeles Water Board staff of Project status during both the active discharge and post-discharge monitoring periods.
When to Submit	Annual reports shall be submitted each year on the anniversary of Project effective date. Annual reports shall continue until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Permittee.
Report Contents	<p>The contents of the annual report shall include the topics indicated below for each project period. Report contents are outlined in Annual Report Topics below.</p> <p><u>During the Active Discharge Period</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 1: Construction Summary • Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status • Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status <p><u>During the Post-Discharge Monitoring Period</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 2: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status • Topic 3: Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status
Annual Report Topics (1-3)	
Annual Report Topic 1	Construction Summary
When to Submit	With the annual report during the Active Discharge Period.
Report Contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project progress and schedule including initial ground disturbance, site clearing and grubbing, road construction, site construction, and the implementation status of construction storm water best management practices (BMPs). If construction has not started, provide estimated start date and reasons for delay. 2. Color photos, pre-project and current. 3. Map showing general Project progress. 4. If applicable: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Summary of any conditional reports sent during the year such as “Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report” or “Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report” b. Copies of revised permits from other agencies c. Compilation of all water quality monitoring results for the year in a spreadsheet format.
Annual Report Topic 2	Mitigation for Temporary Impacts Status
When to Submit	With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.

Report Contents	<p>*If not applicable report N/A.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planned date of initiation and map showing locations of mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and all upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. 2. If mitigation for temporary impacts has already commenced, provide a map and information concerning attainment of mitigation success.
Annual Report Topic 3	Compensatory Mitigation for Permanent Impacts Status
When to Submit	With the annual report during both the Active Discharge Period and Post-Discharge Monitoring Period.
Report Contents	<p>*If not applicable report N/A.</p> <p>Part A. Permittee Responsible</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planned date of initiation of compensatory mitigation site installation. 2. If installation is in progress, a map of what has been completed to date. 3. If the compensatory mitigation site has been installed, provide a final map and information concerning attainment of performance standards contained in the compensatory mitigation plan. <p>Part B. Mitigation Bank or In-Lieu Fee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status or proof of purchase of credit types and quantities. 2. Include the name of bank/ILF Program and contact information. 3. If ILF, location of project and type if known.

Part B – Project Status Notifications

Report Type	Commencement of Construction
Report Purpose	Notify Los Angeles Water Board staff prior to the start of construction.
When to Submit	Must be received at least seven (7) days prior to start of initial ground disturbance activities.
Report Contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date of commencement of construction. 2. Anticipated date when discharges to waters of the state will occur. 3. Project schedule milestones including a schedule for onsite compensatory mitigation, if applicable.

Report Type	Request for Notice of Completion of Discharges Letter
Report Purpose	Notify Los Angeles Water Board staff that post-construction monitoring is required and that active Project construction, including any mitigation and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation, is complete.
When to Submit	Must be received by Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project construction activities.

Report Contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all Project activity sites where the discharge of dredge and/or fill/excavation was authorized. 2. An updated monitoring schedule for mitigation for temporary impacts to waters of the state and permittee responsible compensatory mitigation during the post-discharge monitoring period, if applicable.
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Report Type	Request for Notice of Project Complete Letter
Report Purpose	Notify Los Angeles Water Board staff that construction and/or any post-construction monitoring is complete, or is not required, and no further Project activity is planned.
When to Submit	Must be received by Los Angeles Water Board staff within thirty (30) days following completion of all Project activities.
Report Contents	<p>Part A: Mitigation for Temporary Impacts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A report establishing that areas of temporary impacts to waters of the state, and upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state, have been successfully restored and all identified success criteria have been met. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all restoration sites. <p>Part B: Permittee Responsible Compensatory Mitigation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A report establishing that the performance standards outlined in the compensatory mitigation plan have been met. 3. Status on the implementation of the long-term maintenance and management plan and funding of endowment. 4. Pre- and post-photo documentation of all compensatory mitigation sites. 5. Final maps of all compensatory mitigation areas (including buffers). <p>Part C: Post-Construction Storm Water BMPs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Date of storm water permit Notice of Termination(s), if applicable. 7. Report status and functionality of all post-construction BMPs.

Part C – Conditional Notifications and Reports

Report Type	Accidental Discharge of Hazardous Material Report
Report Purpose	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff that an accidental discharge of hazardous material has occurred.
When to Submit	Within five (5) working days following the date of an accidental discharge. Continue reporting as required by Los Angeles Water Board staff.
Report Contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report shall include the OES Incident/Assessment Form, a full description and map of the accidental discharge incident (i.e. location, time and date, source, discharge constituent and quantity, aerial extent, and photo documentation). If applicable, the OES Written Follow-Up Report may be substituted. 2. If applicable, any required sampling data, a full description of the sampling methods including frequency/dates and times of sampling, equipment, locations of sampling sites. 3. Locations and construction specifications of any barriers, including silt curtains or diverting structures, and any associated trenching or anchoring.

Report Type	Violation of Compliance with Water Quality Standards Report
Report Purpose	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff that a violation of compliance with water quality standards has occurred.
When to Submit	The Permittee shall report any event that causes a violation of water quality standards within three (3) working days of the noncompliance event notification to Los Angeles Water Board staff.
Report Contents	The report shall include: the cause; the location shown on a map; and the period of the noncompliance including exact dates and times. If the noncompliance has not been corrected, include: the anticipated time it is expected to continue; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and any monitoring results if required by Los Angeles Water Board staff.

Report Type	In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report
Report Purpose	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff of the completion of in-water work.
When to Submit	Within three (3) working days following the completion of in-water work. Continue reporting in accordance with the approved water quality monitoring plan.
Report Contents	As required by the approved water quality monitoring plan.

Report Type	Modifications to Project Report
Report Purpose	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff if the Project, as described in the application materials, is altered in any way or by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority.
When to Submit	Prior to any alteration or modification of Project activities.
Report Contents	A description and location of any alterations of Project activities. Identify any Project modifications that will interfere with the Permittee's compliance with the Order. Any alteration may require an Amendment, to be determined by Los Angeles Water Board staff.

Report Type	Transfer of Property Ownership Report
Report Purpose	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff of change in ownership of the Project or Permittee-responsible mitigation area.
When to Submit	At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of ownership.
Report Contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A statement that the Permittee has provided the purchaser with a copy of this Order and that the purchaser understands and accepts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Order's requirements and the obligation to implement them or be subject to administrative and/or civil liability for failure to do so; and b. responsibility for compliance with any long-term BMP¹ maintenance plan requirements in this Order. 2. A statement that the Permittee has informed the purchaser to submit a written request to the Los Angeles Water Board to be named as the permittee in a revised order.

Report Type	Transfer of Long-Term BMP Maintenance Report
Report Purpose	Notifies Los Angeles Water Board staff of transfer of long-term BMP maintenance responsibility.
When to Submit	At least 10 working days prior to the transfer of BMP maintenance responsibility.
Report Contents	A copy of the legal document transferring maintenance responsibility of post-construction BMPs.

¹ Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a term used to describe a type of water pollution or environmental control.