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## San Diego Region



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**In reply refer to:**  
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Rod Lauman  
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**SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT IN STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER  
FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS.**

Dear Mr. Lauman:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), received your application for Water Quality Certification for the **Native Plant Revegetation**, on February 6, 2012 and it was assigned file number **12C-008**.

On February 6, 2012, a check for \$944.00 (check #4187) was received by the San Diego Water Board.

Hunter Industries, Inc. is seeking authorization to restore a small portion of bank and slope adjacent to San Marcos Creek (See Attachment 1) by eradicating non-native turf grass and planting with native plants species. On August 10, 2007 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) issued General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects. After reviewing your 401 water quality certification application, the project can be covered under this General Order and Section 401 water quality certification from the San Diego Water Board is not required.

The information submitted in the 401 water quality certification application package describes work as:

1. Cease unnecessary landscape irrigation and chemical application to the project site.
2. Eradicate non-native turf grass by applying wetland safe herbicide.
3. Once the grass is dead, create shallow planting wells by removing an 18 inch diameter thatch of grass and plant 1,300 one gallon sized native plants that mimic nearby riparian and coastal sage scrub habitat (See Attachment 2).
4. The remaining non-native turf grass will be left in place to prevent erosion.

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5. Temporary containment Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as fiber rolls and silt fences will be placed along San Marcos Creek to prevent discharges into the Creek.
6. All work will be done with hand tools. The use of heavy machinery is not proposed for the restoration work.
7. Irrigation of the plants will be through drip irrigation or by hand on an as needed basis until the plants become established.

Authorization is being sought for the restoration of a section of San Marcos Creek located on Hunter Industry Properties. The project impacts 0.4 acres (800 linear feet) of waters of the United States and/or State.

The construction work will take place only after all necessary BMPs have been employed to protect resources of San Marcos Creek. Only those impacts identified as associated with the San Marcos Creek restoration work are authorized as part of this project. Please note that the project must be implemented as described in the notification package received on February 6, 2012. If the project is not implemented as described in the notification package, Certification will be rescinded and enforcement actions will be taken.

The heading portion of this letter includes a San Diego Water Board code number noted after "In reply refer to:" In order to assist us in the processing of your correspondence please include this code number in the heading or subject line portion of all correspondence and reports to the San Diego Water Board pertaining to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please call Alan Monji at (858) 637-7140 or by email [amonji@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:amonji@waterboards.ca.gov) or Ryan Faherty at (858) 467-3272 or by email [rfaherty@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rfaherty@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Attachments:

1. Figure of proposed work
2. Site Map
3. Water Quality Certification Order for Small Habitat Restoration Projects

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