



Linda S. Adams
Secretary for
Environmental Protection

State Water Resources Control Board

Executive Office

Charles R. Hoppin, Chairman
1001 I Street • Sacramento, California 95814 • (916) 341-5603
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 100 • Sacramento, California • 95812-0100
Fax (916) 341-5621 • <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov>



Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

NOV 12 2010

Mr. Don Haines
San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E)
8315 Century Park Court, CP21G
San Diego, CA

Dear Mr. Haines:

CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA) SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR
THE SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY SUNRISE POWERLINK
PROJECT (FILE # SB09015IN)

San Diego Gas Electric Company (SDG&E) has requested that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issue a CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) for the Sunrise Powerlink Project. An application for Certification was received on October 15, 2009. The application was completed on November 15, 2009. State Water Board staff reviewed the information submitted by SDG&E describing project activities and proposed water quality protection measures. Consultations regarding this program were also conducted with staff of the Colorado River Basin and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

Pursuant to Title 23, Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations, the Executive Director has made the Certification determination described in the Enclosure for these projects. Attachments A through J of the Enclosure are also part of this Certification.

If you require further assistance, please contact Cliff Harvey, the staff person most knowledgeable on the subject, at (916) 558-1709 (charvey@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Bill Orme, Chief of the 401 Certification and Wetlands Protection Unit, at (916) 341-5464 (borme@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Victoria A. Whitney
Deputy Director
Division of Water Quality

California Environmental Protection Agency

NOV 12 2010

Enclosures (11): Water Quality Certification Order

Attachment A: Signatory Requirements

Attachment B: Project Information Sheet and Supplement

Attachment C: Project Area Map (Attachment A, Project Segments Map, of the Project Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program).

Attachment D: CEQA Responsible Agency Findings

Attachment E: Sunrise Powerlink Conceptual Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan

Attachment F: Final Basis of Design Report – Sunrise Powerlink 230kV & 500kV Access Roads and Maintenance Pads

Attachment G: SDG&E Access Road Maintenance Guidelines

Attachment H: SDG&E Water Quality Construction Best Management Practices Manual

Attachment I: SDG&E Design and Procedure Manual

Attachment J: Sunrise Powerlink Project Mitigation and Monitoring Compliance Plan

cc: Mr. Dave Castanon, Chief, Regulatory Branch
Los Angeles District
Ventura Field Office
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Department of the Army
2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110
Ventura, CA 93001

Mr. Jason A. Brush, Chief
Chief, Wetlands Regulatory Office (WTR-8)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Mr. Robert Perdue, Executive Officer
Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Su. 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Mr. David Gibson, Executive Officer
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

cc: (See next page)

(cc: Continuation page)

cc: Ms. Heather A. Pert, PhD
Environmental Scientist
California Department of Fish and Game
4949 Viewridge Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123

Mr. Eric Porter
Fish and Wildlife Biologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Carlsbad Field Office
6010 Hidden Valley Road, Suite 101
Carlsbad, CA 92011

Mr. Bob Hawkins
Adaptive Management Services Enterprise Team
USDA-Forest Service
1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592

Ms. Billie Blanchard
California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division CEQA Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

Mr. Bill Orme, Chief
Certification and Wetlands Program
Division of Water Quality
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 "I" Street, 15th floor
Sacramento, CA 95814