

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**AMENDMENT OF WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED NAPLES  
NORTHEAST QUADRANT PERMANENT SEAWALL (PHASE I) REPAIR PROJECT  
Corps' Project No. 2011-00042-GS), LOS ANGELES RIVER, CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY (File No.11-073)**

Dear Ms. VanGelder:

We are in receipt of your requests to amend your Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification File No. 11-073 for the subject project issued on July 11, 2011 (Certification 11-073).

The City of Long Beach, Department of Public Works (City), has requested an amendment to the proposed project (material) design and the mitigation plan. The original design for the seawall consisted of a linear-concrete wall, including steel H-piles. However, the project design has been revised based upon feasibility studies required by the California Coastal Commission in the Coastal Development Permit (CDP 5-11-085). In addition, the City of Long Beach has requested compensatory mitigation requirements to be revised to mirror mitigation requirements outlined in special conditions 3, 6 and 14 of the CDP 5-11-085.

In response to the request to amend the project design, the Regional Board authorizes the new project design consisting of a new steel sheet-pile wall on the water side of the existing vertical concrete seawall along both sides of the Rivo Alto Canal for (1,915) linear feet. The new seawall extends 18-inches beyond the existing seawall into the existing channel, resulting in the fill of approximately 1,727 square feet of submerged soft-bottom habitat.

Compensatory mitigation for adverse impacts to eelgrass is included in the existing Certification 11-073 for this project and the plan for that mitigation is unchanged. However, the City has revised the plan for the compensatory mitigation for impacts to soft-bottom habitat. The existing Certification 11-073 included compensatory mitigation for impacts to soft-bottom habitat at a site adjacent to the northeast shore of Marine Stadium in Alamitos Bay.

In response to the request to amend the soft-bottom habitat mitigation location, the Regional Board authorizes a mitigation program involving excavation of the northern bank and north arm of Colorado Lagoon to create approximately 20,908 additional square feet of submerged soft-

bottom habitat. This will mitigate for the loss of soft-bottom habitat resulting from Phase I and also the five (5) future phases of seawall repairs at a minimum ratio of 2:1.

I have determined that the above-proposed amendments do 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 amendments are hereby incorporated into 401 Certification No. 11-073 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 notification to this Regional Board dated December 6, 2013 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., Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-6759.

Sincerely,

  
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Samuel Unger  
Executive Officer

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