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**REVISED CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS
CERTIFICATION FOR THE I-215 BI-COUNTY LINE HOV LANE GAP CLOSURE
PROJECT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA (ACOE REFERENCE
NO. NOT AVAILABLE) (SARWQCB PROJECT NO. 362011-08)**

Dear Mr. Smith:

On July 26, 2011, we issued a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Standards Certification ("Certification") to San Bernardino Associated Governments for the construction of approximately 7.5 miles of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction on I-215, between Orange Show Road in San Bernardino County and the State Route 91/I-215 interchange in Riverside County (Project). On December 20, 2011, we received a request from your consultant, VCS Environmental, for a revision to this certification to reflect refinements in the project's impacts to waters of U.S. This letter responds to your request for a revision to the certification.

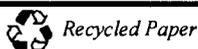
1. The Project Description is revised to include the following:

Approximately 1,150 linear feet of deteriorated, concrete v-ditch will be replaced, resulting in 0.07 acres of temporary impact to riparian habitat.

2. The Fill Area is revised as follows:

- a) Permanent impacts to riparian habitat: 0.42 acre, an increase of 0.04 acres from what was originally certified.
- b) Permanent impacts to wetland habitat: 0.10 acre, an increase of 0.06 acres from what was originally certified.
- c) Temporary impacts to riparian habitat: 0.36 acre, a decrease of 1.96 from what was originally certified.
- d) Temporary impacts to wetland habitat: 0.29 acre, an increase of 0.2 acre from what was originally certified.

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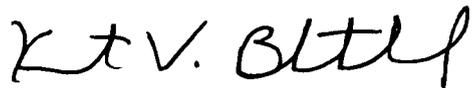


Permanent impacts will be mitigated by purchasing credits in the Santa Ana Watershed Association In-Lieu Fee Program, at a minimum 2:1 mitigation ratio for impacts to riparian habitat and a 4:1 mitigation ratio for impacts to wetland habitat.

All other terms and conditions of the July 26, 2011, Certification remain in effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Marc Brown at mbrown@waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 321-4584, or Mark Adelson at madelson@waterboards.ca.gov or (951) 782-3234.

Sincerely,



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