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**Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board**

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Mr. Victor Ortiz  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA) FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD GENERAL 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER NO. SB12002GN FOR US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 2012 CERTIFIED NATIONWIDE PERMITS.**

**FILE : LA CADENA DRIVE SANTA ANA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT GEOTECHNICAL BORING PROJECT (SARWQCB PROJECT NO. 362015-01, CIWQS #: 812576)**

Dear Mr. Ortiz:

On January 15, 2015, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a 2012 Certified Nationwide Permit Notification Form, Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for 2012 Nationwide Permits (General 401 Order) for the La Cadena Drive Santa Ana Bridge Replacement Geotechnical Boring Project (Project).

The proposed project site is located along La Cadena Drive where the current bridge crosses the Santa Ana River in the city of Colton, San Bernardino County, California. The proposed project site is within an un-sectioned area of the San Bernardino and Jurupa Land Grants, as mapped on the San Bernardino South, California U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute series topographic map. Approximate coordinates of the Project location are latitude 34° 2' 43" N, and longitude -117° 19' 52.5" W.

Santa Ana Regional Water Board staff has determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, is categorically exempt from CEQA review (section 15306 – Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental

resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded). Regional Board Staff have also determined that the proposed project meets the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for 2012 Certified Nationwide Permits.

**Project Purpose and Description:**

The proposed project consists of the drilling of geotechnical borings for the proposed La Cadena Drive Over Santa Ana River Bridge Replacement Project. The geotechnical field investigation includes excavating eleven exploratory boreholes to investigate subsurface conditions and collect in-situ soils. Three boreholes will be drilled in jurisdictional waters of the United States. These boreholes will be drilled from the current bridge deck into the stream bed of the Santa Ana River to a depth of 80 to 120 feet. Spoils generated from the borehole excavations will be used as backfill for the boreholes or spread over the top of the existing unpaved ground surface outside of jurisdictional areas.

Project totals of temporarily impacted area approximate 0.036 acres and 50 linear feet of stream channel, waters of the US. The Project shall be constructed and maintained using methods and avoidance and minimization measures described within application materials.

Receiving Water: Santa Ana River Reach #4

Filled Excavated Area: Permanent Area Impacted: None  
Temporary Area Impacted: 0.036 acres stream channel

Total Linear Impacts: Length Permanently Impacted: None  
Length Temporarily Impacted: 50 linear feet

Fill Volume: 7 cubic yards

Latitude/Longitude: 34° 2' 43" N/-117° 19' 52.5" W

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General 401 Order, if all relevant conditions identified in General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for 2012 Nationwide Permits are followed during the proposed activities. The following conditions from General 401 Order are applicable to your project:

- 1) All activities shall comply with all requirements of California's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, §13000, et seq.) and applicable State or Regional Water Quality Control Plans. (SB12002GN Condition #4).

- 2) Water may not be diverted for project activities. (SB12002GN Condition #6).
- 3) The proposed project shall not result in the taking of any species listed as threatened or endangered or as a candidate for threatened or endangered listing under either the federal or California Endangered Species Act. (SB12002GN Condition #8).
- 4) Project activities may not take place in a Hazardous Waste site listed in section 65962.5 of the Government Code (i.e., Cortese List"). (SB12002GN Condition #10).
- 5) No drilling compounds, fluids, or "muds" may be discharged to waters of the State of California or United States. (SB12002GN Condition #13).
- 6) Any waiver of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conditions or regional conditions shall disqualify this project from enrollment under the General Certification. (SB12002GN Condition #16).

Should there be any questions, please contact Jason Bill at (951) 782-3295 or Marc Brown at (951) 321-4584.

Sincerely,

*for* 

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Weblink: The State Water Resources Control Board the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for 2012 Nationwide Permits can be found here:

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