



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 1, 2013

Mr. Sree Kumar Assistant Deputy Director Flood Maintenance Division Los Angeles County Department of Public Works 900 S. Fremont Avenue, Annex 2nd Floor Alhambra, CA 91803 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED No. 7011 2970 0000 0645 4899

EXTENSION OF WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED 159 DEBRIS BASIN CLEANOUT PROJECT (ACOE FILE NO. SPL-2003-00411-KW, RPG 45), VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY (File No. 02-144 2008 RENEWAL)

Dear Mr. Lee:

We have received your request for extension of the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification No. 02-144 (WQC 02-144) that is scheduled to expire on October 24, 2013.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) issued the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works (LACDPW) the 2008 renewal of WQC 02-144 on October 24, 2008. WQC 02-144 2008 Renewal certifies the federal permit issued by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, under Regional General Permit 45 (RPG 45) which expires on October 15, 2014. The federal permit and WQC 02-144 2008 Renewal allows for maintenance of one hundred fifty-nine (159) debris basin facilities.

The Regional Board hereby extends certification 02-144 2008 Renewal until October 15, 2014 or until superseded by a renewed and amended certification. This certification extension will allow the County to perform maintenance activities on the 159 debris basins to ensure that needed maintenance activities are performed at these facilities. This certification extension will also set the federal permit and State certification to the same expiration date which will allow for improved coordination between agencies during renewal.

I have determined that the above-proposed modification does 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 modifications are hereby incorporated into 401 Certification No. 02-144 2008 Renewal and no additional action by this agency pursuant to Section 401 of the

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Clean Water Act is necessary. This determination is limited to the proposed modification 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, Lead, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-6759.

Sincerely,

Samuel Vyer

Samuel Unger, P.E. Executive Officer

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