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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY, POINT MUGU DRAINAGE PROJECT, POINT MUGU CHANNEL, VENTURA COUNTY (File No. 13-051)

Dear Captain Vasquez:

Board staff has reviewed your request on behalf of Naval Base Ventura County (Applicant) for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Your application was deemed complete on July 2, 2013.

I hereby issue an order certifying that any discharge from the referenced project will comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards) of the Clean Water Act, and with other applicable requirements of State law. This discharge is also regulated under State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2003 - 0017 - DWQ, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredge and Fill Discharges that have received State Water Quality Certification" which requires compliance with all conditions of this Water Quality Certification.

Please read this entire document carefully. The Applicant shall be liable civilly for any violations of this Certification in accordance with the California Water Code. This Certification 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., Lead, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-6759.

Samuel Unger
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Date

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Project Information

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3. Project Name: Naval Base Point Mugu Stormwater Drainage
4. Project Location: Point Mugu, Ventura County

Latitude Longitude

34.10955750230 119.13044708000

5. Type of Project: Debris Basin, Culvert and Channel Maintenance
6. Project Purpose: The purpose of the proposed project is to remove debris and sediment from 14 sites within the Naval Base Ventura County at Point Mugu.
7. Project Description: The proposed project consists of 14 separate projects to maintain culverts, channels and basins. Project activities will consist of the following:

Site #1

Runway Culvert Maintenance (17th Street)

At this location, a section of culvert will be cleared of sediment and debris for a length of 130 linear feet. The culvert is a 30" storm drain culvert, which runs parallel to an airfield runway. Temporary impacts will be within an area of 130 linear feet by 30 feet wide (0.09 acres).

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Site #2

Runway Culvert Maintenance (16th Street)

At this location, a section of culvert will be cleared of sediment and debris for a length of 80 linear feet. The culvert is a 32" storm drain culvert, which runs parallel to an airfield runway. Temporary impacts will be within an area of 142 linear feet by 60 feet wide (0.43 acres).

Site #3

Runway Culvert Maintenance (Rocket Street)

At this location, a section of culvert will be cleared of sediment and debris for a length of 415 linear feet. The culvert is a 42" storm drain culvert, which runs parallel to an airfield runway. Temporary impacts will be within an area of 415 linear feet by 45 feet wide (0.20 acres).

Site #4

Runway Culvert Maintenance (PM 50)

At this location, a section of culvert will be cleared of sediment and debris for a length of 225 linear feet. The culvert is an 18" storm drain culvert, which is located perpendicular underneath the airfield runway. Temporary impacts will be within an area of 265 linear feet by 42 feet wide (0.26 acres).

Site #5

Runway Culvert Maintenance (PM 51)

At this location, a section of culvert will be cleared of sediment and debris for a length of 180 linear feet. The culvert is a 15" storm drain culvert, which is located perpendicular underneath the airfield runway. Temporary impacts will be within an area of 180 linear feet of culvert and on either side of the culvert outlets (0.005 acres total).

Site #6

Runway Culvert Maintenance (PM 2)

At this location, a section of culvert will be cleared of sediment and debris for a length of 860 linear feet. The culvert is a 30" storm drain culvert, which is parallel to the airfield runway. Temporary impacts will be within an area of 860 linear feet of culvert and on either side of the culvert outlets (0.79 acres total).

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Site #7

Runway Culvert Maintenance (PM 53)

At this location, a section of culvert will be cleared of sediment and debris for a length of 150 linear feet. The culvert is a 30" storm drain culvert, which is perpendicular to the airfield runway. Temporary impacts will be within an area of 150 linear feet of culvert and on either side of the culvert outlets (0.05 acres total).

Site #8

Runway Culvert Maintenance (PM 54)

At this location, a section of culvert will be cleared of sediment and debris for a length of 390 linear feet. The culvert is an 18" storm drain culvert, which is perpendicular to the airfield runway. Temporary impacts will be within an area of 390 linear feet of culvert and on either side of the culvert outlets (0.14 acres total).

Site #9

Runway Culvert Maintenance (PM 54)

At this location, a section of culvert will be cleared of sediment and debris for a length of 390 linear feet. The culvert is an 18" storm drain culvert, which is perpendicular to the airfield runway. Temporary impacts will be within an area of 390 linear feet of culvert and on either side of the culvert outlets (0.14 acres total).

Ditch Road Culvert Maintenance

5 culverts

Temporary impacts will be within an area of 20 linear feet on either side of the culvert outlets, 120 linear feet including the culvert length and 50 feet across the channel (0.14 acres total). Only one culvert at a time will be cleaned to avoid changes in hydrology. All water collected will be filtered through an on-site water treatment plant and distributed on vacant land after sediments have been removed. Estimated 100 cy of debris removed.

Old Magazine Road Canal

At this location, debris and sediment will be removed from an area of approximately 1000 square feet.

Temporary impacts will be within an area of 50 linear feet (0.02 acres total).

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Canals Southwest of Rosa Housing (PM 17)

At this location, debris removal will occur within the canal and security gates (grates) will be pulled out and repaired..

Temporary impacts will be within an area of 100 linear feet (30 feet across channel) (0.07 acres total).

Air Guard Taxiway

At this location, debris will be cleared from flood control gates. water flow will be lowered and a mini excavator and vacuum truck will excavate sediment and debris from grate.

Temporary impacts will be within an area of 250 linear feet and 5 feet across the channel (0.03 acres total).

Perimeter Road Culvert Repair

At this location, three (3) 96" culverts will be repaired on Perimeter Road. The following activities will be included:

- Create bypass separator walls in channel at inlet and outlet; only one culvert will be blocked at a time;
- Place 4" steel pipe supports in channel on both sides of roadway;
- Using 5' X 10' steel plating, build bypass separator walls for Phase I construction. This will direct all flows through the eastern most culvert. Work area will be from the culverts to approximately 30 ft downstream to establish streambed flow line;
- Cut away culvert obstruction and remove debris;
- Set up culvert cleaning equipment "pull plates" and prepare to remove obstructions inside 96" culvert. Crews will set up a temporary 3" pump to lower water levels in the work area;
- Clean culvert # 1: Remove obstructions from culvert # 1; all debris to be stacked out of streambed flow line. Wattles and/or sandbags will be in place to prevent debris from entering back into stream.;
- Relocate pull plate system and associated equipment to begin work on culvert #2;
- Clean culvert #2 and remove obstructions. All debris will be stacked out of streambed flow line;
- Begin loading trucks for removal of debris and obstructions. Relocate pull plate system for Phase II;

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- Relocate bypass separator walls to re-direct flow through culvert #1 and #2. Relocate temporary 3" pump;
- Remove debris/obstruction from culvert #3 and stack excess debris out of streambed flow line;
- Load out debris from culvert #3;
- Remove all equipment and separator walls from streambed.

Completion is estimated in three weeks.

Temporary impacts will be within an area of 40 linear feet and 10 feet across channel (0.01 acres total).

Channel Repair near Main and San Miguel

At this location, a Flood Gate and Slope paving in this concrete lined channel will be repaired. The following activities will be included:

- Approximately 40 feet downstream of Flood Gate Structure, 750 sand filled bags will be placed in the existing concrete lined channel at low tide to create a temporary dam.
- A turbidity curtain will be installed 20 ft further to the South of this dam. This curtain will float up or down with the tide and prevent migration of suspended solids.
- Once the Dam and curtain are in place, a vacuum truck will clean the channel between the temporary Dam and the structure. Crews will also set up a temporary 3" pump to lower the channel water level and facilitate flow from the work area to the open channel south of work area. This pump will deposit flows between the temporary dam and the turbidity curtain.
- Crews will then install a temporary plug into the 36" stone drain to stop any nuisance flows from entering the work area.
- Crews will demolish/remove tidal gate and surrounding failed concrete aprons. The 3" pump will continue to pump out any water from the work area so crews can work in a dry environment.
- Crews will place forms for new concrete slope paving within the existing footprint. The crews will also prepare concrete surfaces for installation of the new tidal gate.
- Slope paving will be poured - estimated concrete quantity is 12 cy.
- New brackets will be installed and a reconditioned tidal gate,

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will be adjusted and tested for proper seal.

- Approximately 2000 lbs of grout to fill voids will be injected.

Completion is estimated in approximately two to three weeks.

Temporary impacts will be within an area of 40 linear feet and 15 feet across concrete lined channel (0.01 acres total).

8. Federal Agency/Permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NWP No. 3
9. Other Required Regulatory Approvals: California Coastal Commission
Coastal Consistency Negative Determination
10. California Environmental Quality Act Compliance: The proposed project is Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).
11. Receiving Water: Port Hueneme Tidal Channel (Hydrologic Unit No. 403.11)
12. Designated Beneficial Uses: PROC, NAV, REC-1, REC-2, COMM, MAR, WILD
13. Impacted Waters of the United States: Channel (including culverts): 1.11 temporary acres (3220 linear feet total by 15-foot average width of channels)
14. Dredge Volume: None
15. Related Projects Implemented/to be Implemented by the Applicant: In the last 5 years, Naval Base Ventura County proposed the NBVC Port Hueneme Tide Gate Repair Project (certified by the Regional Board under File No. 12-027). This project is intended to update an existing tide gate with modern control systems and replace weathered parts at the Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme.
16. Avoidance/Minimization Activities: The Applicant has proposed to implement several Best Management Practices, including, but not limited to, the following:
- To prevent any sediments from aiming into wetlands, silt screens will be installed as close to the work as possible;
 - To prevent any sediments from impacting wetlands, weed-free wattles, and sand bags will be placed as close to the work site as

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possible;

- All equipment will have rubber wheels, and matting, boards, or other plate like structures in pathway of vehicles to minimize soil damage;
- All equipment will be clean and free of weed species/mud before entering any wetland areas.

17. Proposed
Compensatory
Mitigation:

Since the project impacts are temporary in nature, the Applicant has not proposed any compensatory mitigation.

18. Required
Compensatory
Mitigation:

The Regional Board will not require any additional compensatory mitigation as the proposed project impacts are temporary in nature, and are located within areas which require continued maintenance for safe operations at the Naval Base.

See *Attachment B, Conditions of Certifications, Additional Conditions* for modifications and additions to the above proposed compensatory mitigation.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS

Pursuant to §3860 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR), the following three standard conditions shall apply to this project:

1. This Certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to §13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with 23 CCR §3867).
2. This Certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent Certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required pursuant to 23 CCR Chapter 28 and owed by the Applicant.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

Pursuant to 23 CCR §3859(a), the Applicant shall comply with the following additional conditions:

1. The Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board copies of any other final permits and agreements required for this project, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (ACOE) Section 404 Permit and the California Department of Fish and Game's (CDFG) Streambed Alteration Agreement. **These documents shall be submitted prior to any discharge to waters of the State.**
2. The Applicant shall adhere to the most stringent conditions indicated with either this Certification, the CDFG's Streambed Alteration Agreement, or the ACOE Section 404 Permit.
3. The Applicant shall comply with all water quality objectives, prohibitions, and policies set forth in the *Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region (1994)*, as amended.
4. The Avoidance/Minimization activities proposed by the Applicant as described in Attachment A, No. 16, are incorporated as additional conditions herein.
5. The Applicant and all contractors employed by the Applicant shall have copies of this Certification, and all other regulatory approvals for this project on site at all times and shall be familiar with all conditions set forth.

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6. Fueling, lubrication, maintenance, operation, and storage of vehicles and equipment shall not result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the State. At no time shall the Applicant use any vehicle or equipment which leaks any substance that may impact water quality. Staging and storage areas for vehicles and equipment shall be located outside of waters of the State.
7. All excavation, construction, or maintenance activities shall follow best management practices to minimize impacts to water quality and beneficial uses. Dust control activities shall be conducted in such a manner that will not produce downstream runoff.
8. No construction material, spoils, debris, or any other substances associated with this project that may adversely impact water quality standards, shall be located in a manner which may result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the State. Designated spoil and waste areas shall be visually marked prior to any excavation and/or construction activity, and storage of the materials shall be confined to these areas.
9. All waste or dredged material removed shall be relocated to a legal point of disposal if applicable. A legal point of disposal is defined as one for which Waste Discharge Requirements have been established by a California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and is in full compliance therewith.
10. The Applicant shall implement all necessary control measures to prevent the degradation of water quality from the proposed project in order to maintain compliance with the Basin Plan. The discharge shall meet all effluent limitations and toxic and effluent standards established to comply with the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements, including the provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act. This Certification does not authorize the discharge by the applicant for any other activity than specifically described in the 404 Permit.
11. The discharge shall not: a) degrade surface water communities and populations including vertebrate, invertebrate, and plant species; b) promote the breeding of mosquitoes, gnats, black flies, midges, or other pests; c) alter the color, create visual contrast with the natural appearance, nor cause aesthetically undesirable discoloration of the receiving waters; d) cause formation of sludge deposits; or e) adversely affect any designated beneficial uses.
12. The Applicant shall allow the Regional Board and its authorized representative entry to the premises, including all mitigation sites, to inspect and undertake any activity to determine compliance with this Certification, or as otherwise authorized by the California Water Code.
13. Application of pesticides must be supervised by a certified applicator and be in conformance with manufacturer's specifications for use. Compounds used must be appropriate to the target species and habitat. All pesticides directed toward aquatic species must be approved

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by the Regional Board. Pesticide utilization shall be in accordance with State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order Nos. 2011-0002-DWQ and 2004-0009-DWQ.

14. The Applicant shall not conduct any construction activities within waters of the State during a rainfall event. The Applicant shall maintain a **five-day (5-day) clear weather forecast** before conducting any operations within waters of the State.
15. The Applicant shall utilize the services of a qualified biologist with expertise in riparian assessments during any vegetation clearing activities. The biologist shall be available on site during construction activities to ensure that all protected areas are marked properly and ensure that no vegetation outside the specified areas is removed. The biologist shall have the authority to stop the work, as necessary, if instructions are not followed. The biologist shall be available upon request from this Regional Board for consultation within 24 hours of request of consultation.
16. No activities shall involve wet excavations (i.e., no excavations shall occur below the seasonal high water table). A minimum **5-foot** buffer zone shall be maintained above the existing groundwater level. If construction or groundwater dewatering is proposed or anticipated, the Applicant shall file a **Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD)** to this Regional Board and obtain any necessary NPDES permits/Waste Discharge Requirements prior to discharging waste.
17. All project/maintenance activities not included in this Certification, and which may require a permit, must be reported to the Regional Board for appropriate permitting. Bank stabilization and grading, as well as any other ground disturbances, are subject to restoration and revegetation requirements, and may require additional Certification action.
18. All surface waters, including ponded waters, shall be diverted away from areas undergoing grading, construction, excavation, vegetation removal, and/or any other activity which may result in a discharge to the receiving water. If surface water diversions are anticipated, the Applicant shall develop and submit a **Surface Water Diversion Plan** (plan) to this Regional Board. The plan shall include the proposed method and duration of diversion activities, structure configuration, construction materials, equipment, erosion and sediment controls, and a map or drawing indicating the locations of diversion and discharge points. Contingency measures shall be a part of this plan to address various flow discharge rates. The plan shall be submitted prior to any surface water diversions. If surface flows are present, then upstream and downstream monitoring for the following shall be implemented:
 - pH
 - temperature
 - dissolved oxygen
 - turbidity
 - total suspended solids(TSS)

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Analyses must be performed using approved US Environmental Protection Agency methods, where applicable. These constituents shall be measured at least once prior to diversion and then monitored for on a daily basis during the first week of diversion and/or dewatering activities, and then on a weekly basis, thereafter, until the in-stream work is complete.

Results of the analyses shall be submitted to this Regional Board by the 15th day of each subsequent sampling month. A map or drawing indicating the locations of sampling points shall be included with each submittal. Diversion activities shall not result in the degradation of beneficial uses or exceedance of water quality objectives of the receiving waters. Downstream TSS shall be maintained at ambient levels. Where natural turbidity is between 0 and 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU), increases shall not exceed 20%. Where natural turbidity is greater than 50 NTU, increases shall not exceed 10%. Any such violations may result in corrective and/or enforcement actions, including increased monitoring and sample collection.

19. The Applicant shall restore **all areas** of TEMPORARY IMPACTS to waters of the United States and all other areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge or a threatened discharge to waters of the State. The Applicant shall implement all necessary Best Management Practices to control erosion and runoff from areas associated with this project.
20. The Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board a **Final Monitoring Report** by **January 1st** of the year following project completion. The Final Monitoring Report shall describe in detail all of the project/construction activities performed and all restoration efforts. The Final Monitoring Report shall describe the status of other agreements (e.g., mitigation banking) or any delays in the mitigation process. At a minimum the Annual Reports shall include the following documentation:
 - (a) Color photo documentation of the pre- and post-project site conditions;
 - (b) Geographical Positioning System (GPS) coordinates in decimal-degrees format outlining the boundary of the project areas;
 - (c) Copies of all permits revised as required in Additional Condition 1;
 - (d) Water quality monitoring results for each reach (as required) compiled in an easy to interpret format;
 - (e) A certified Statement of "no net loss" of wetlands associated with this project;
 - (f) Discussion of any monitoring activities and exotic plant control efforts; and

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- (g) A certified Statement from the permittee or his/her representative that all conditions of this Certification have been met.
- 21. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Regional Board shall be signed:
 - (a) For corporations, by a principal executive officer at least of the level of vice president or his duly authorized representative, if such representative is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which discharge originates.
 - (b) For a partnership, by a general partner.
 - (c) For a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor.
 - (d) For a municipal, State, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee.

22. Each and any report submitted in accordance with this Certification shall contain the following completed declaration:

"I declare under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who managed the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Executed on the _____ day of _____ at _____.

(Signature)
(Title)"

- 23. All communications regarding this project and submitted to this Regional Board shall identify the Project File Number **13-051**. Submittals shall be sent to the attention of the 401 Certification Unit.
- 24. Any modifications of the proposed project may require submittal of a new Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification application and appropriate filing fee.
- 25. The project shall comply with the local regulations associated with the Regional Board's **Municipal Stormwater Permit** issued to Ventura County and co-permittees under NPDES No. CAS004002 and Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R4-2010-0108. This includes the Stormwater Quality Urban Impact Mitigation Plan (SQUIMP) and all related

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implementing local ordinances and regulations for the control of stormwater pollution from new development and redevelopment.. The project shall also comply with all requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) **General Permit** for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, Order No. 2009-009-DWQ. All stormwater treatment systems shall be located outside of any water of the State and shall not be used as a wetland or riparian mitigation credit.

26. Coverage under this Certification may be transferred to the extent the underlying federal permit may legally be transferred and further provided that the Applicant notifies the Executive Officer at least 30 days before the proposed transfer date, and the notice includes a written agreement between the existing and new Applicants containing a specific date of coverage, responsibility for compliance with this Certification, and liability between them.
27. The Applicant or their agents shall report any noncompliance. Any such information shall be provided verbally to the Executive Officer within 24 hours from the time the Applicant becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within five days of the time the Applicant becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected; the anticipated time it is expected to continue and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. The Executive Officer, or an authorized representative, may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.
28. *Enforcement:*
 - (a) In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Certification, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process or sanctions as provided for under State law. For purposes of section 401(d) of the Clean Water Act, the applicability of any State law authorizing remedies, penalties, process or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Certification.
 - (b) In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Certification, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) may require the holder of any permit or license subject to this Certification to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the SWRCB deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall be a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports.

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- (c) In response to any violation of the conditions of this Certification, the SWRCB or RWQCB may add to or modify the conditions of this Certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.
29. This Certification shall expire **five (5) years** from date of this Certification. The Applicant shall submit a complete application at least 90 days prior to termination of this Certification if renewal is requested.