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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL  
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**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED PEPPERDINE UNIVERISTY FLOOD CONTROL MAINTENANCE PROJECT (Corps' Project No. 2013-00484-AOA), UNNAMED TRIBUTARIES TO MALIBU LAGOON, CITY OF MALIBU, LOS ANGELES COUNTY (FILE No. 13-148)**

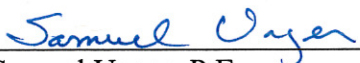
Dear Ms. Bailard:

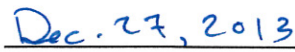
Board staff has reviewed your request on behalf of Pepperdine University (Applicant) for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Your application was deemed complete on December 24, 2013.

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.

  
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Samuel Unger, P.E.  
Executive Officer

  
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Date

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**Project Information  
File No. 13-148**

1. Applicant: Pepperdine University  
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3. Project Name: Pepperdine University Flood Control
4. Project Location: City of Malibu, Los Angeles County

<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
34.2886	119.1561
34.2869	119.1592
34.2866	119.1597
34.2861	119.1600
34.2875	119.1588
34.2875	119.1580
34.2872	119.1572
34.2880	119.1569

5. Type of Project: Flood Control Maintenance
6. Project Purpose: This project was previously approved under Certification No. 97-086, and Certification No. 08-094. This new Certification will cover activities previously permitted and will serve as a renewal of the of the previously approved permits. The proposed project is for the routine (as needed) maintenance at six (6) flood control facilities located on the Pepperdine University campus and operation of a long-term stockpile area for those maintenance activities.

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7. Project Description: The proposed project includes maintenance and sediment/debris removal at six flood control facilities. Debris and sediment removed will be stored at a separate, long-term, stockpile area for future campus construction and maintenance projects, and will be kept from entering any waters of the U.S.

Project implementation will temporarily impact approximately 0.72 acres of vegetated streambed and debris basins.

The six flood control facilities include two debris basins and four inlet/outlet structures. Each facility will be maintained on an as-needed basis when the accumulated debris/sediment reaches 25% of its capacity in normal conditions or 5% under burn watershed conditions. The sediment/debris to be removed comprises of silts, sands, and other organic material, which are derived entirely from natural areas. Removed sediments will be trucked either to another location within the campus for use in construction or to the stockpile area to be stored for future use.

The proposed stockpile operation is expected to be in place during the entire period when campus construction and maintenance projects result in excess fill material as the university builds out its approved Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The physical characteristics of the stockpile will change with time, depending on the need to store soil and the need to use it for construction purposes. The soil will be taken in and out of the stockpile as needed, and it is expected to reach its full capacity (23,000 cubic yards) during peak construction periods and revert for a smaller size to accommodate small-scale maintenance activities within the campus.

The proposed mitigation for project impacts includes continuous maintenance/monitoring of an existing 0.93-acre mitigation site and creation/enhancement of 0.718 acre of native riparian habitat, and reducing maintenance frequency to leave flood control facilities in their natural conditions to serve as wildlife habitat between maintenance activities.

8. Federal Agency/Permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
NWP No. 51(Permit No. 2013-00484-AOA)

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9. Other Required Regulatory Approvals: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement
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: Unnamed ephemeral tributaries to Malibu Lagoon (Hydrologic Unit No. 404.31)
12. Designated Beneficial Uses: NAV, REC-1, REC-2, COMM, AQUA, MAR, WILD, SPWN, SHELL
13. Impacted Waters of the United States: Non-wetland waters (streambed): 0.73 temporary acres
14. Dredge Volume: None
15. Related Projects Implemented/to be Implemented by the Applicant: In the next 5 years the Applicant has indicated the plan for the replacement of the existing 0.93-acre upland mitigation site located on its Malibu campus with the preservation of two contiguous parcels totaling .97 acres in Little Las Flores Canyon, a tributary of the Las Flores Canyon coastal watershed within the Santa Monica Mountains, Los Angeles County. The existing 0.93-acre mitigation site is compensatory mitigation for previous impacts to 0.93 acres of non-wetland waters of the United States and the removal of sediment from an in line, debris, basin located within the Marie Canyon drainage. Also, in the next 5 years the Applicant has indicated the plan to construct and improve and expand the grass recreation area on the site of the existing intramural field. The proposed field would help meet the University's goal to provide for on-campus recreation options to encourage the health and well-being of its students. The field -would provide sufficient space to accommodate a playing field consistent with the size requirements for student recreation needs and intramural sports. In order to accommodate the new field, the existing debris basin in Marie Canyon, located just east of the existing intramural field would be reconfigured and relocated. The relocated debris basin would also result in the resizing and relocation of the stockpile. This project is in the planning stages and will require further approval from RWQCB, ACOE, and CDFW.

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16. Avoidance/  
Minimization  
Activities:

The Applicant has proposed to implement several Best Management Practices, including, but not limited to, the following:

- No activities within surface waters will occur during rainfall events or within flowing water;
- No construction equipment will be stored within any jurisdictional areas;
- All grading/construction activities shall follow best management practices to minimize impacts on water quality and beneficial uses.

17. Proposed  
Compensatory  
Mitigation:

Based on the previous permit conditions from Certification File No. 08-094, the Applicant has proposed to continue maintenance and monitoring of existing 0.73 acre mitigation site of native habitat, and of 0.93 acre site on the slopes of the Marie Canyon debris basin. The mitigation of the 0.93 acres is the continued mitigation for previous impacts to 0.93 acres of non-wetland waters and the removal of sediment from an in-line debris basin located within the Marie Canyon drainage.

18. Required  
Compensatory  
Mitigation:

The Regional Board will not require any additional compensatory mitigation, beyond the mitigation which was previously required as a requirement of the previous permits.

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 Wildlife's (CDFW) 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 CDFW'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. Please contact the Land Disposal Unit for further information regarding the disposal of solid wastes.
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



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target species and habitat. All pesticides directed toward aquatic species must be approved 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. If rain is predicted after operations have begun, grading activities must cease immediately and the site must be stabilized to prevent impacts to water quality, and minimize erosion and runoff from the site.
16. The grading, stabilization and re-vegetation will be phased to limit the exposed or working face such that the graded area can be stabilized within 24 hours after the first prediction of rain during the 5-day forecast or within 24 hours after final grading of the phased area.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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,

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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)

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.

21. 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. Restoration shall include grading of disturbed areas to pre-project contours and revegetation with native species. Restored areas shall be monitored and maintained with native species as necessary for five years. The Applicant shall implement all necessary Best Management Practices to control erosion and runoff from areas associated with this project.
22. The Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board **Annual Monitoring Reports** (Annual Reports) by **January 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year for a minimum period of **five (5) years** following this issuance of 401 Certification or until mitigation success has been achieved and documented. The Annual Reports shall describe in detail all of the project/construction activities performed during the previous year and all restoration and mitigation efforts; including percent survival by plant species and percent cover. At a minimum the Annual Reports shall include the following documentation and answered appropriately whether or not mitigation has been performed:
  - (a) Color photo documentation of the pre- and post-project and mitigation site conditions;

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- (b) Geographical Positioning System (GPS) coordinates in decimal-degrees format outlining the boundary of the project and mitigation areas;
  - (c) The overall status of project including a detailed schedule of whether or not work has begun on the Project;
  - (d) Copies of all permits revised as required in Additional Condition 1;
  - (e) Water quality monitoring results for each reach (as required) compiled in an easy to interpret format;
  - (f) A certified Statement of “no net loss” of wetlands associated with this project;
  - (g) Discussion of any monitoring activities and exotic plant control efforts, including sediment and vegetation removal volumes; and
  - (h) A certified Statement from the permittee or his/her representative that all conditions of this Certification have been met.
23. Prior to any subsequent maintenance activities within the subject drainages/basin, including clearing, maintenance by-hand, and/or the application of pesticides, the Applicant shall submit to this Regional Board a NOTIFICATION of any such activity. Notification shall include: (a) the proposed schedule; (b) a description of the drainage’s/basin’s existing condition/capacity; (c) the area of proposed temporary impact within waters of the State; (d) a description of any existing aquatic resources (e.g., wetland/riparian vegetation); and (e) any proposed compensatory mitigation. Notifications must be submitted a minimum of **three (3) weeks** prior to commencing work activities.
24. 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.



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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.

31. *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.
- (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.

32. 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.