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Dear Mr. Orso-Delgado and Hulsizer:

**RE: Request for Amendment No. 2 to CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification for State Route 125 South Toll Road (File No. 99C-133)**

The Regional Board is amending Condition F.2 of the 401 Water Quality Certification for the State Route 125 South Toll Road (File No 99C-133). This decision is based on the review of your letter dated April 22, 2008 and the revised *Final Habitat and Revegetation Plan for SR-125 South Sweetwater River Crossing* (amended by EDAW, April 2008).

This amendment is needed to address the unanticipated 0.25 acres of permanent impacts to jurisdictional wetlands associated with the Sweetwater River crossing. These impacts occurred due to design changes necessary to safely support the bridge piers. These additional impacts will be mitigated at a 2:1 ratio by the onsite creation of 0.5 acre of wetland habitat as proposed in the revised final revegetation plan. Additionally, Condition F.2 is amended to incorporate all the final mitigation plans developed for the project into the certification, due to the fact that the plans were finalized after the original certification was issued.

Changes/additions to **Condition F.2** of the 401 certification are shown in bold strikeout/underline below:

- Caltrans and CTV shall ~~submit a Conceptual Restoration and Management Plan, as required by the USFWS Biological Opinion, for all mitigation no later than 30 days prior to the start of construction or grading of the project and shall submit a Final Restoration and Management Plan for all mitigation no later than 30 days prior to the start of construction of the mitigation site(s).~~ Mitigate for permanent and temporary impacts to

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**jurisdictional waters of the US/State in accordance with the following final mitigation plans:**

- A. Final Detailed Vernal Pool Restoration Plan for the Creation of Vernal Pools as Mitigation for State Route 125 South (EDAW, Feb 2004).**
- B. Final State Route 125 South Otay River Revegetation Plan for Temporary Impacts. (EDAW, Nov 2006).**
- C. Final Habitat Mitigation Monitoring and Revegetation Plan for SR-125 South Sweetwater River Crossing Temporary and Permanent Impacts (Chambers Group, Inc. Sept 2003. Amended by EDAW, April 2008).**

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Christopher Means at 858-637-5581 or [cmeans@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:cmeans@waterboards.ca.gov).

Respectfully,



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