

Notice of Section 401 Application Reception

File Number: 362026-28

Project Name: Waterman Spreading Grounds Basin Maintenance

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Project Location: 34.169° N, -117.274° W

Project City and County: San Bernardino, San Bernardino

Applicant Organization: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Applicant Name: Heather Dyer

Waterboard Staff: TBA

Brief Description of Project:

Project Description: The purpose is continued regular maintenance of the basins to optimize recharge of State Water Project (SWP) water into the underlying Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin. Up to 30,000 acre-feet per year (AFY), based on SWP water availability, may be recharged. On average 15,000 AFY would be recharged. We are requesting re-verification of SARWQCB WDID 362023-03 (originally WDID 362019-13).

Project Activities: We are requesting re-verification of SARWQCB WDID 362023-03 under the recently released USACE 2026 Nationwide Permit 31 . SARWQCB WDID 362023-03 was approved on February 23, 2023, as an extension to SARWQCB WDID 362019-13, under the 2022 Nationwide Permit 31 (USACE # SPL-2019-00784-SLP). We propose to continue maintenance activities originally authorized under SARWQCB WDID 362019-13 and extended under SARWQCB 362023-03. Specifically, we propose to continue a maintenance-recharge cycle in the late winter/early spring and again in the late summer/early fall within 1 O of the existing Waterman Basins (Basins 2A, 2E, 2W, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3O, 3E, 3W, and 4). With each cycle, vegetation would be removed from the basins. Excess sediment from the side slopes and basin floors, scarification of the basin floors, and repair of inlet/outlet and gate structures (limited to those within the Project area) would also be completed on an as-needed basis. The basins will continue to attenuate storm water when needed. The two basins outside of SBVMWD's project area would be maintained by SBCFCD for flood control purposes and are not part of SBVMWD's recharge operations plan. We have also submitted a request for reverification to USACE for continuation of this project (submitted July 8, 2026).