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Russell Williams, Principal Planner Riverside County Transportation Department 3525 14th Street Riverside, California 92502

Dear Mr. Williams,

This correspondence is in reply to your request, dated April 15, 2014, to modify your Department of the Army Permit verification (SPL-2010-00446-VCC), dated July 2, 2013. Your permit verification authorized the Riverside County Transportation Department to discharge permanent fill material into approximately 0.003 acre (15 linear feet) of wetland and 0.49 acre (1,600 linear feet) of non-wetland waters of the United States (WOUS). Additionally, the permit verification authorized the temporary discharge of dredged or fill material into approximately 0.04 acre (335 linear feet) of wetland and 0.45 acre (660 linear feet) of non-wetland WOUS to construct the Interstate 215/Newport Road Interchange Improvement Project. The proposed work would take place within Salt Creek and its unnamed tributary, in the City of Menifee, Riverside County, California.

Under the provisions of 33 C.F.R. section 325.7(b), Special Condition 3 is modified as follows:

3. Prior to initiating construction in WOUS, and to mitigate for permanent impacts to 0.003 acre of wetland and 0.49 acre of non-wetland WOUS and for temporary impacts to 0.04 acre of wetland and 0.45 acre of non-wetland WOUS, the Permittee shall provide documentation verifying purchase of credits for 2.0 acres of enhancement of WOUS, from a Corps-approved in-lieu fee program (i.e. Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District In-Lieu Fee Program). The Permittee shall not initiate work in WOUS prior to receiving written confirmation (by letter or e-mail) from the Corps Regulatory Division as to compliance with this special condition. The Permittee retains responsibility for providing the compensatory mitigation until: 1) the number and resource type of credits described above have been secured from a sponsor and, 2) the Corps Regulatory Division has received documentation that confirms that the sponsor has accepted the responsibility for providing the required compensatory mitigation. This documentation may consist of a letter or receipt signed by the sponsor and shall include the permit number and a statement or receipt indicating the number and resource type of credits that have been secured from the sponsor.

The terms and conditions of your original permit verification (No. SPL-2010-00446-VCC), except as changed herein, or by other Corps and/or Regional Water Quality Control Board authorizations, incorporating additional special conditions or non-discretionary terms and

conditions of biological opinions rendered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service, remain in full force and effect.

Thank you for participating in our regulatory program. If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Chan at 213-452-3292 or via e-mail at Veronica.C.Chan@usace.army.mil.

Please be advised that you can now comment on your experience with Regulatory Division by accessing the Corps web-based customer survey form at: http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm apex/f?p=136:4:0

Sincerely,

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