

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

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Regulatory Division

Mr. Matthew Cugini, Branch Chief, P.E., California Department of Transportation, District 12 Attn: Shannon Crossen 3347 Michelson Drive, Suite 100, Irvine, California 92612

Dear Mr. Cugini:

I am responding to your request, dated September 18, 2013, to modify your Department of the Army permit verification (SPL-2011-01198-SCH), dated December 17, 2012, and modified on April 18, 2013. Your permit verification authorized the California Department of Transportation, District 12, to permanently impact 0.134 acre and temporarily impact 2.38 acres of non-wetland waters of the U.S. associated with widening the Santa Ana Bridge footing.

Under the provisions of 33 Code of Federal Regulations section 325.7(b), a condition of your permit verification, specifically Section Condition 2, is modified as follows:

2. Prior to initiating construction in waters of the U.S., the permittee shall provide documentation to Corps Regulatory Division verifying the purchase of 0.268 acre of riverine habitat enhancement and/or restoration credit from a Corps Regulatory Division-approved mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program (ILFP) within the Santa Ana River watershed, to mitigate for this project's permanent impacts to 0.134 acre of non-wetland waters of the U.S.(2:1 ratio) The Permittee shall not initiate work in waters of the U.S. until 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 the number and resource type of credits described above have been secured from a sponsor and 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 form signed by the sponsor, with the permit number and a statement 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-2011-01198-SCH), except as changed on April 18, 2013 and herein, remain in full force and effect.

Thank you for participating in our regulatory program. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia Huvnh at 213-452-3357 or via e-mail at Sophia.C.Huynh@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: <a href="http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html">http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html</a>.

Sincerely,

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