



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, REGULATORY DIVISION
CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE
5900 LA PLACE COURT, SUITE 100
CARLSBAD, CA 92008

August 14, 2013

Regulatory Division

Ms. Malia Durand
County of San Diego
Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit (MS 0385)
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410
San Diego, California 92123

Dear Ms. Durand:

This is in reply to your pre-construction notification (File No. SPL-2013-00441-MBS) dated June 15, 2013, for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit to discharge fill material into waters of the U.S., in association with the County of San Diego Annual Regional General Permit (RGP) 53 2013-2014 Maintenance Year. The proposed work would take place in 271 stream channels, located throughout the County of San Diego, California (Figure 1).

Based on the information you have provided, the Corps of Engineers has determined that your proposed activity complies with the terms and conditions of RGP 53-County of San Diego Routine Flood Control Maintenance.

As long as you comply with the general permit conditions of RGP 53 (attached), an individual permit is not required.

Specifically, you are authorized to conduct the following regulated activities:

1. Conduct annual stream channel sediment, vegetation, and debris removal activities at 271 locations as identified in the attached figure (Figure 1) and described in the attached table (Table 1). Work within the 271 channels will be conducted by using a combination of both mechanical and hand removal methodologies between September 15, 2013 and February 15, 2014.
2. Permanently impact approximately 2.626 acres of waters of the U.S. consisting of 0.041 acre of freshwater marsh, 0.473 acre of southern willow scrub, 0.03 acre of mulefat scrub, 0.017 acre of riparian wetland, 0.127 acre of disturbed wetland, and 1.948 acres of unvegetated stream channel.

For this RGP 53 verification letter to be valid, you must comply with all of the terms and conditions in Enclosure 1. Furthermore, you must comply with the following non-discretionary Special Condition:

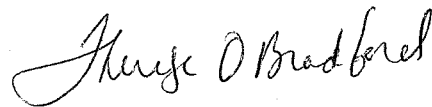
1. The Permittee has proposed to mitigate for impacts to waters of the U. S., through the deduction of 0.73 acre of wetland enhancement credits from the Sweetwater Offsite Mitigation Area (SWOMA) in accordance with the "Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Establishment, Operation and Use of the Sweetwater River Off-site Mitigation 'Credit' Plan" between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and County of San Diego (County) (April 1999) and Special Condition 3(b)(vii) of RGP 53 (Page 3 of Enclosure 1). The proposed mitigation is based on the maximum potential permanent impact area for each facility. It is expected that the actual number of facilities cleaned, as well as the associated impacts would be less than that proposed. Therefore, within 45 calendar days of completion of authorized work in waters of the U.S., the County shall submit to the Corps a post project implementation memorandum indicating the facilities that were cleaned and a final compensatory mitigation proposal for Corps approval based on actual impact acreages. The mitigation proposal shall include the site evaluation forms for all "first time maintained" facilities.

A general permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges. Also, it does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others or authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project. Furthermore, it does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.

Thank you for participating in our regulatory program. If you have any questions, please contact Meris Bantilan-Smith at 760-602-4836 or via e-mail at Meris.Bantilan-Smith@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://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>.

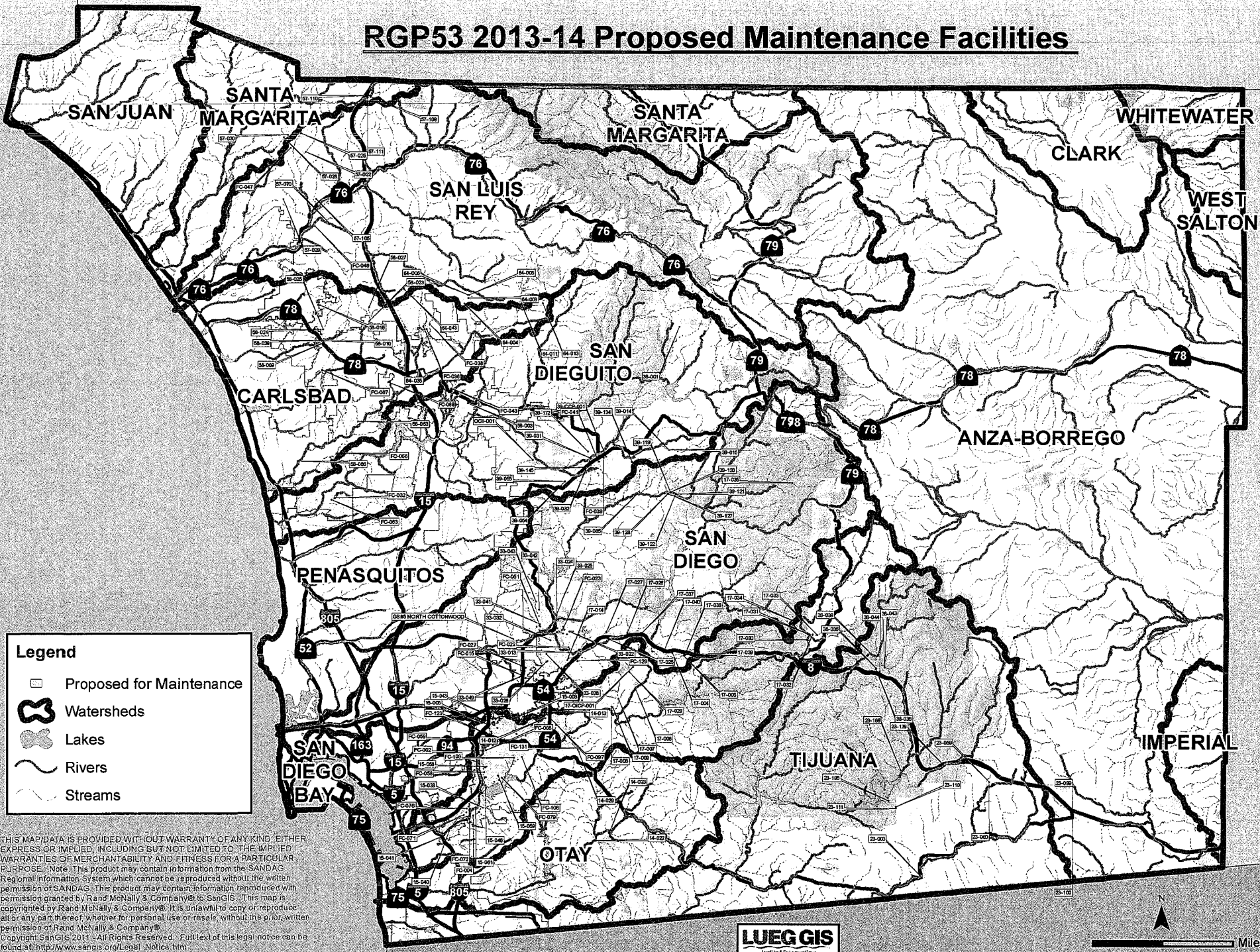
Sincerely,



Therese O. Bradford
Chief, South Coast Branch

Enclosure

RGP53 2013-14 Proposed Maintenance Facilities



Legend

- Proposed for Maintenance
- Watersheds
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Streams

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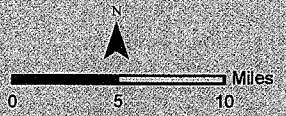
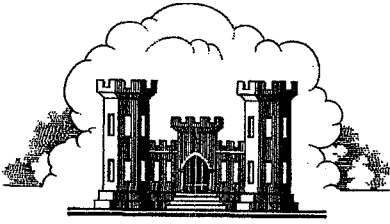


FIGURE 1



LOS ANGELES DISTRICT
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT NUMBER 53
FOR
ROUTINE FLOOD CONTROL MAINTENANCE OF SELECTED BRIDGES,
CULVERTS, AND CHANNELS

PERMITTEE: County of San Diego; Nelson Olivas

PERMIT NUMBER: Regional General Permit No. 53 (File No. SPL-2009-00334-MBS)

ISSUANCE DATE: November 24, 2010

ISSUING OFFICE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District

Note: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

After you receive written approval that your project complies with the terms and conditions of this Regional General Permit from this office, you are authorized to perform work in accordance with the General Conditions and any project specific conditions specified below.

Project Description: The District Engineer, Los Angeles District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hereby reissues Regional General Permit No. 53 (RGP 53).

This RGP authorizes mechanical sediment, vegetation, and debris removal activities (maintenance activities) of bridges, culverts and selected channels to prevent flooding of adjacent roadways and/ or buildings, as shown on the Master Table of RGP 53 Facilities.

- (1) This RGP 53 authorizes maintenance activities in approximately 1,100 facilities, including culverts, bridges, and channels, as identified in the Master Table of RGP 53 Facilities.
- (2) This RGP 53 limits the maintenance activities to the minimum necessary, as identified by the County in the Master Table of RGP 53 Facilities, to alleviate the flooding potential in

ENCLOSURE 1