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JULY 22, 2014

Ms. Malia Durand
County of San Diego
Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit (MS 0385)
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Dear Ms. Durand:

This is in reply to your pre-construction notification (File No. SPL-2014-00220-MBS) dated June 13, 2014, 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 2014-2015 Maintenance Year. The proposed work would take place in a maximum of 253 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 (Enclosure 1), 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 253 locations as identified in the attached figure (Figure 1) and described in the attached table (Table 1). Work within the 253 channels will be conducted by using a combination of both mechanical and hand removal methodologies between September 15, 2014 and March 15, 2015.
2. Conduct first annual maintenance in 23 facilities and permanently impact approximately 0.469 acre of waters of the U.S. consisting of 0.030 acre of freshwater marsh, 0.070 acre of southern willow scrub, 0.021 acre of mulefat scrub, 0.025 acre of riparian wetland, 0.40 acre of disturbed wetland, and 0.283 acre of unvegetated stream channel.

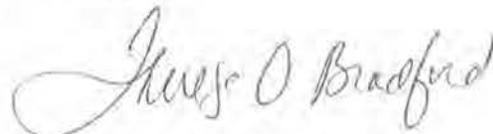
For this RGP 53 verification letter to be valid, you must comply with all of the terms and conditions in Enclosure 1. Furthermore, you must comply with the following non-discretionary Special Condition:

1. The Permittee has proposed to mitigate for impacts to waters of the U. S., through the deduction of 1.24 acres 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 the regulatory program. If you have any questions, contact Meris Bantilan-Smith at 760-602-4836 or via e-mail at Meris.Bantilan-Smith@usace.army.mil. Please help me to evaluate and improve the regulatory experience for others by completing the customer survey form at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey.

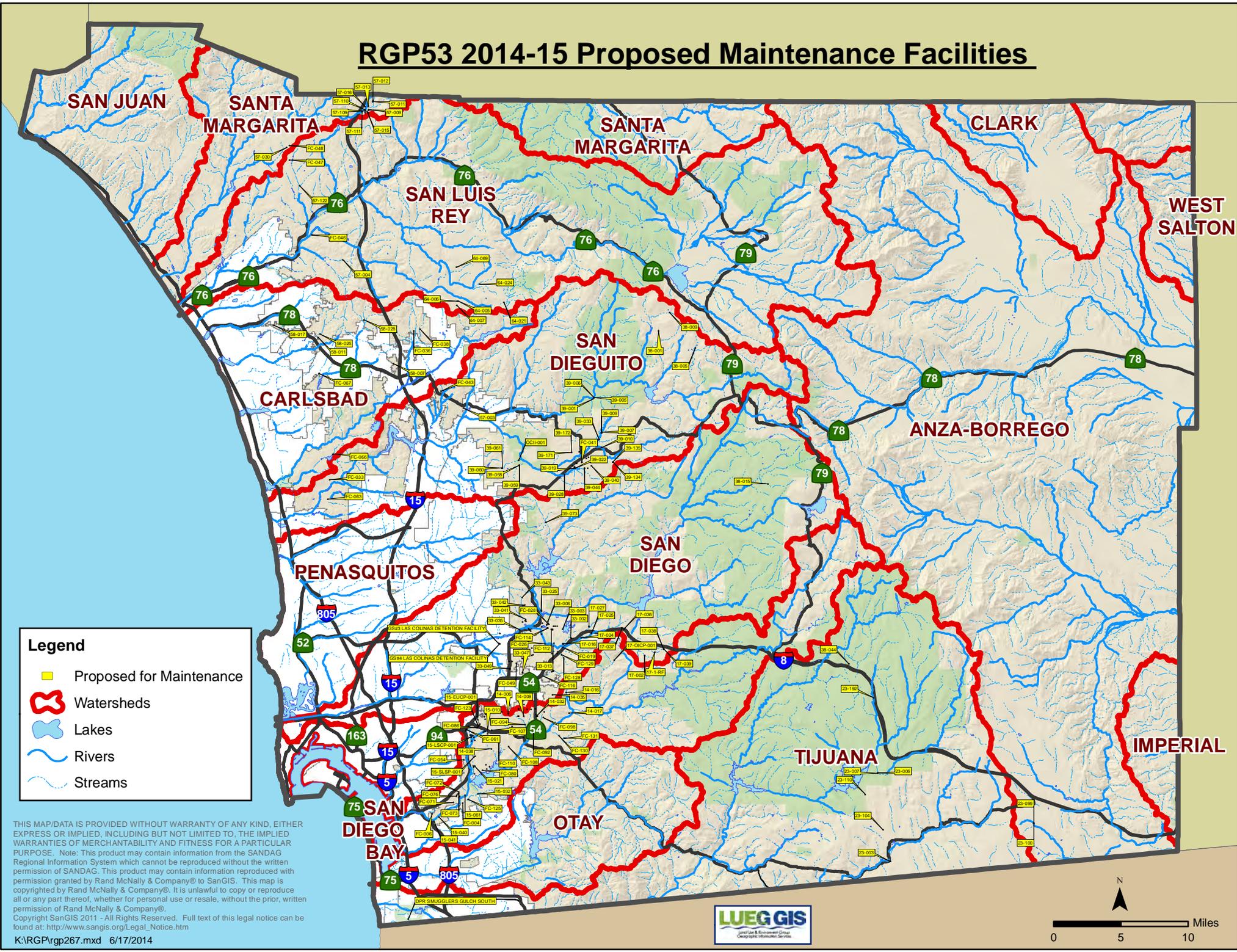
Sincerely,



Therese O. Bradford
Chief, South Coast Branch

Enclosure

RGP53 2014-15 Proposed Maintenance Facilities



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

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