



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
5900 LA PLACE COURT, SUITE 100
CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA 92008

December 18, 2015

Genene Lehotsky
City of San Diego Storm Water Division
2781 Caminito Chollas, MS 44
San Diego, California 92105

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT

Dear Ms. Lehotsky:

I am responding to your request (SPL-2015-00900-WSZ) for a Department of the Army (DA) permit for your proposed project, Cottonwood Channel Maintenance. The proposed project is located at 4017 Cottonwood Street in the city of San Diego, San Diego County, California (Figures 1-2).

Because this project would result in a discharge of fill material into waters of the United States a DA permit is required pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344; 33 CFR parts 323 and 330).

I have determined construction of your proposed project, if constructed as described in your application, would comply with Regional General Permit (RGP) No. 63 - Repair and Protection Activities in Emergency Situations. Specifically, and as shown in Figures 3-8, you are authorized to temporarily discharge fill material in the form of pumps and/or vector machines, as well as three sandbag berms approximately 6 feet wide, 2.5 feet deep, and 3 feet high into the concrete-lined Cottonwood channel to dewater the channel in the immediate work area in order to clear the channel of sediment, vegetation, trash, and debris. The total amount of fill results in approximately 45 square feet (0.001 acre) of temporary impacts. The sand bag berms will be removed within one week of completed work.

For this RGP verification letter to be valid, you must comply with all of the terms and conditions of RGP No. 63 - Repair and Protection Activities in Emergency Situations, available at <http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/RegionalGeneralPermits.aspx>.

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 Winston Zack at 760-602-4838 or via e-mail at Winston.S.Zack@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,

VAN
SANT.RICHARD.J.1388594337

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SANT.RICHARD.J.1388594337
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ou=USA, cn=VAN SANT.RICHARD.J.1388594337
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Richard J. Van Sant III
Acting Team Lead
South Coast Branch

Enclosures

Lehotsky, Genene

From: Honma, Lisa@Waterboards <Lisa.Honma@waterboards.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 3:27 PM
To: Lehotsky, Genene
Cc: Rothman, Christine; rose.a.galer@usace.army.mil; Vipul Joshi; Becker, Eric@Waterboards; Winston Zack (Winston.S.Zack@usace.army.mil)
Subject: Enrollment in RGP-63 General Certification for Cottonwood Street Emergency Channel Maintenance (MMP Maps 120 & 121)

Genene, The City has been enrolled in the General Certification for RGP-63. The City is responsible for meeting the provisions of the permit.

Consistent with the San Diego Water Board's approach in certifying routine channel maintenance projects and in accordance with section VI of Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Reauthorization of Regional General Permit 63 for Repair and Protection Activities in Emergency Situations, SB13006IN (RGP-63 Certification), the City of San Diego will be required to provide compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts that result in a loss of functions in the amount of 2:1 (area mitigated:area impacted) in wetland enhancement for the removal of disturbed wetland, disturbed freshwater marsh, and disturbed southern willow scrub.

In the subject line of any response, please include the reference number R9-2015-0203:820160:lhonma.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks and I wish you happy holidays, Lisa

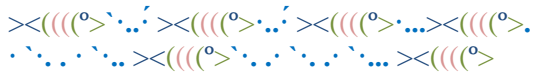
Lisa E.B. Honma

Watershed & Riparian Protection Unit

 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
SAN DIEGO REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108



Direct Line: 619/521-3367
Front Desk: 619/516-1990
E-mail: Lisa.Honma@waterboards.ca.gov
Office Website: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/>



Please take the time to fill out our electronic customer service survey located at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Customer/>.

From: Lehotsky, Genene [mailto:DLehotsky@sandiego.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 7:22 PM
To: sandiego; WB-DWQ-Stateboard401; Becker, Eric@Waterboards; Honma, Lisa@Waterboards
Cc: Matter, Gene; Rothman, Christine; rose.a.galer@usace.army.mil; Vipul Joshi
Subject: City of San Diego - Cottonwood Channel (MMP Maps 120 & 121) - RGP 63 Request - RWQCB Attachment D

Hello,

Please find the attached RGP63 Attachment D form for the Cottonwood Channel (MMP Maps 120 & 121) emergency maintenance project. A check for \$200.00 and associated transmittal letter are being submitted to the San Diego RWQCB offices Friday morning by staff from our division.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,
Genene

Genene Lehotsky
Senior Planner
City of San Diego, Transportation & Storm Water Department
2781 Caminito Chollas, MS 44, San Diego, CA 92105
Direct: 619-527-7507 | Fax: 619-527-7445



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION PROGRAM



Information Regarding Emergency Work

Fish and Game Code section 1610 exempts certain types of emergency work from the notification requirement in section 1602. Specifically, notification is not required before beginning any of the following emergency work:

- 1) immediate emergency work necessary to protect life or property;
- 2) immediate emergency repairs to public service facilities necessary to maintain service as a result of a disaster in an area in which the Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency; and/or
- 3) emergency projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a state or local governmental agency to maintain, repair, or restore an existing highway, as defined in Vehicle Code section 360, within the existing right-of-way of the highway, that has been damaged as a result of fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide, within one year of the damage.

Although notification is not required **before** beginning the emergency work, the Department must be notified in writing within 14 days **after** the work begins ("emergency notification"). The notification requirement can be met by completing and submitting the attached Emergency Notification form to the Department regional office that serves the county where the emergency work occurs.

If the Department does not receive the emergency notification within 14 days after the work begins, or the work did not constitute emergency work, the entity responsible for the work may be subject to criminal or civil prosecution. Hence, it is important that the work meets the definition of "emergency."

"Emergency" means "a **sudden, unexpected** occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding **immediate** action to prevent or mitigate the loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. 'Emergency' includes such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, as well as such occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage." (Public Resources Code section 21060.3 (emphasis added)). See also Fish and Game Code section 1601, subdivision (c).

Although emergency work is exempt from the notification requirement in Fish and Game Code section 1602, the entity responsible for completing the emergency work must comply with other applicable local, state, and federal laws, including other provisions in the Fish and Game Code, such as section 5650 (prohibiting the discharge or release of deleterious substances or materials) and section 5901 (prohibiting the construction or maintenance of any device or contrivance that prevents or impedes fish passage).

The Department recommends that emergency work be conducted in accordance with the guidelines below to minimize impacts to fish and wildlife resources.

- 1) The person(s) completing the emergency work should prevent raw cement, concrete, or washings thereof, asphalt, paint, or other coating material, oil or other petroleum products, or any other substance which can be deleterious to aquatic life from contaminating soil and/or entering a river, stream, lake or other waters of the state. (See Fish and Game Code section 5650.)
- 2) The person(s) completing the emergency work should minimize the disturbance or removal of vegetation in completing the work.

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Date Received

Notification Number



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION PROGRAM
NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY WORK



Complete EACH field and attach additional pages if necessary.

1. PERSON, BUSINESS, OR AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR EMERGENCY WORK

If the emergency work is being conducted by a business, agency, or utility, please include the name of your designated representative.

Name	Gene Matter		
Business/Agency	City of San Diego Storm Water Division		
Street Address	2781 Caminito Chollas, MS 44		
City, State, Zip	San Diego, CA, 92105		
Telephone	619-527-7506	Fax	619-527-7445
Email	rmatter@sandiego.gov		

2. LOCATION OF EMERGENCY WORK

Address or description of project location. (Include a map that marks the location of the project with a reference to the nearest city or town, and provide driving directions from a major road or highway.)

Project Addresses: 4291 Nordica Ave., 4045 & 3993 Cottonwood St., 2121 Osborn St., San Diego, CA, 92113. From I-5 South: Take Main Street exit towards National City. Make a left at Main St. then a left at E. Division St. Upper Access Point: Make a left on Highland Ave., then a left on Nordica Ave. The destination is located on the left. Middle Access Points: Make a left on Osborn St. then a right on Cottonwood St. and the destinations are on the right. Lower Access Point: Make a left on Osborn St. and the destination is on your right.

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River, stream, or lake affected by project	Chollas Creek (Hydrologic Unit Basin Number 8.31)			
What water body is the river, stream, or lake tributary to?	Chollas Creek			
Is the river or stream segment affected by the project listed in the state or federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Acts?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
County	San Diego			
USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Name	Township	Range	Section	Section
National City	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Meridian (check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Humboldt <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Diablo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Bernardino			

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY WORK

2. LOCATION OF EMERGENCY WORK continued

Assessor's Parcel Number(s)			
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Coordinates (If available, provide at least latitude/longitude or UTM coordinates and check appropriate boxes.)			
Latitude/Longitude	Latitude: 32° 68' 49.51"		Longitude: 117° 10' 71.35"
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Degrees/Minutes/Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> Decimal Degrees <input type="checkbox"/> Decimal Minutes		
UTM	Easting:	Northing:	<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 11
Datum used for Latitude/Longitude or UTM		<input type="checkbox"/> NAD 27 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAD 83 or WGS 84	

3. NATURE OF EMERGENCY WORK

Date emergency began or was first discovered	11/11/15
Date emergency work began	12/26/15
Date emergency work was or will be completed	1/1/16
Briefly describe the type of emergency (e.g., flooding or earth movement).	
<p>With the prediction of El Niño, the City of San Diego (City) had determined that the current channel conditions (MMP Maps 120&121) posed an imminent threat of flooding to upstream and adjacent residential properties as a result of reduced capacity of the channel. Increased sediment buildup and loosely rooted exotic vegetation (which can easily become dislodged) in the concrete channel obstructed the waterway and threatened to further clog existing culverts, which would cause severe flooding upstream. US Army Corps of Engineers and San Diego RWQCB approved the RGP 63 application for the emergency maintenance described below on 12/10/15.</p>	
Identify the type of property affected by the emergency by marking the appropriate boxes below.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridge, culvert, or other water crossing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dwelling or other building <input type="checkbox"/> Levee or other bank protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Road <input type="checkbox"/> Farmland <input type="checkbox"/> Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): _____	
Describe the emergency work.	
<p>In the emergency maintenance section located west of 43rd Street/N. Highland Ave (MMP Map 120), all sediment, vegetation, and debris were excavated from the channel using manual labor, a bobcat, and a Gradall (i.e., excavating-type equipment with an extended arm). Initially, the bobcat was lowered into the channel to begin maintenance. Shortly after, City crews conducted manual labor, and used chainsaws and other tools to remove vegetation from the channel by hand in places that the bobcat could not reach, then placed it in the bottom of the channel for the bobcat to transport the material to a location that the Gradall could easily access. Tree trimmers removed low hanging branches and trimmed back trees that obstructed channel flow. The Gradall was located outside and above the channel within the disturbed Access/Staging area parallel to Nordica Ave (MMP Map 120). The Gradall scooped out the collected material and loaded it into dump trucks, which disposed of it at a legal disposal site (Miramar Landfill). In the maintenance section located east of Osborn Street (MMP Map 121), all sediment, vegetation, and debris were excavated from the channel by manual labor, a bobcat, and a Gradall. The Gradall was staged outside and above the channel, so City crews and tree trimmers used power tools to remove vegetation and place it into the channel so the bobcat would be able to transport it to an area that the Gradall could reach. All material removed from the channel was loaded into dump trucks and disposed of at a legal disposal site (Miramar Landfill). All work was monitored by a qualified biologist and all equipment and materials were removed following completion of work.</p> <p>Recent observations from City crews had indicated a deterioration of the conditions within the channel. The capacity of the channel had been reduced by accumulation of sediment and vegetation and the culverts were under high threat of being severely clogged from vegetation dislodging resulting in upstream and adjacent flooding. With the prediction of El Niño storms and heavy winter flooding, the City determined that the properties adjacent and upstream of the maintenance area were under imminent threat of severe damage from storm flows, given the conditions of the channel described above.</p> <p>A CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) and Emergency Permit were obtained from the City's Development Services Department on 12.21.15.</p>	
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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY WORK

3. NATURE OF EMERGENCY WORK continued

Briefly describe the dimensions (e.g., length and width) of the area or areas affected by the emergency and the work area.

This entire length of this channel is a trapezoidal concrete-lined channel. The maintenance began just west of N. Highland Street (MMP Map 120) at the culvert and extended to the inlet east of Osborn Street (MMP Map 121). The channel has an average bottom width of approximately 11 feet and average top width of 28.5 feet. In total, the maintenance section extended 2,216 linear feet.

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Describe any work you intend to complete after the emergency to restore the affected area.

The project restored the as-built condition of the concrete-lined channel. All equipment and materials were removed from the channel and no additional work was needed after the emergency maintenance was completed.

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4. SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the information in this emergency notification is true and correct and that I am authorized to sign this notification as, or on behalf of, the person, business, or agency responsible for the emergency work. *I understand that if the Department does not receive this emergency notification within 14 days after the emergency work begins, or the work did not constitute emergency work, I and/or the person, business, or agency responsible for the emergency work may be subject to criminal or civil prosecution.*



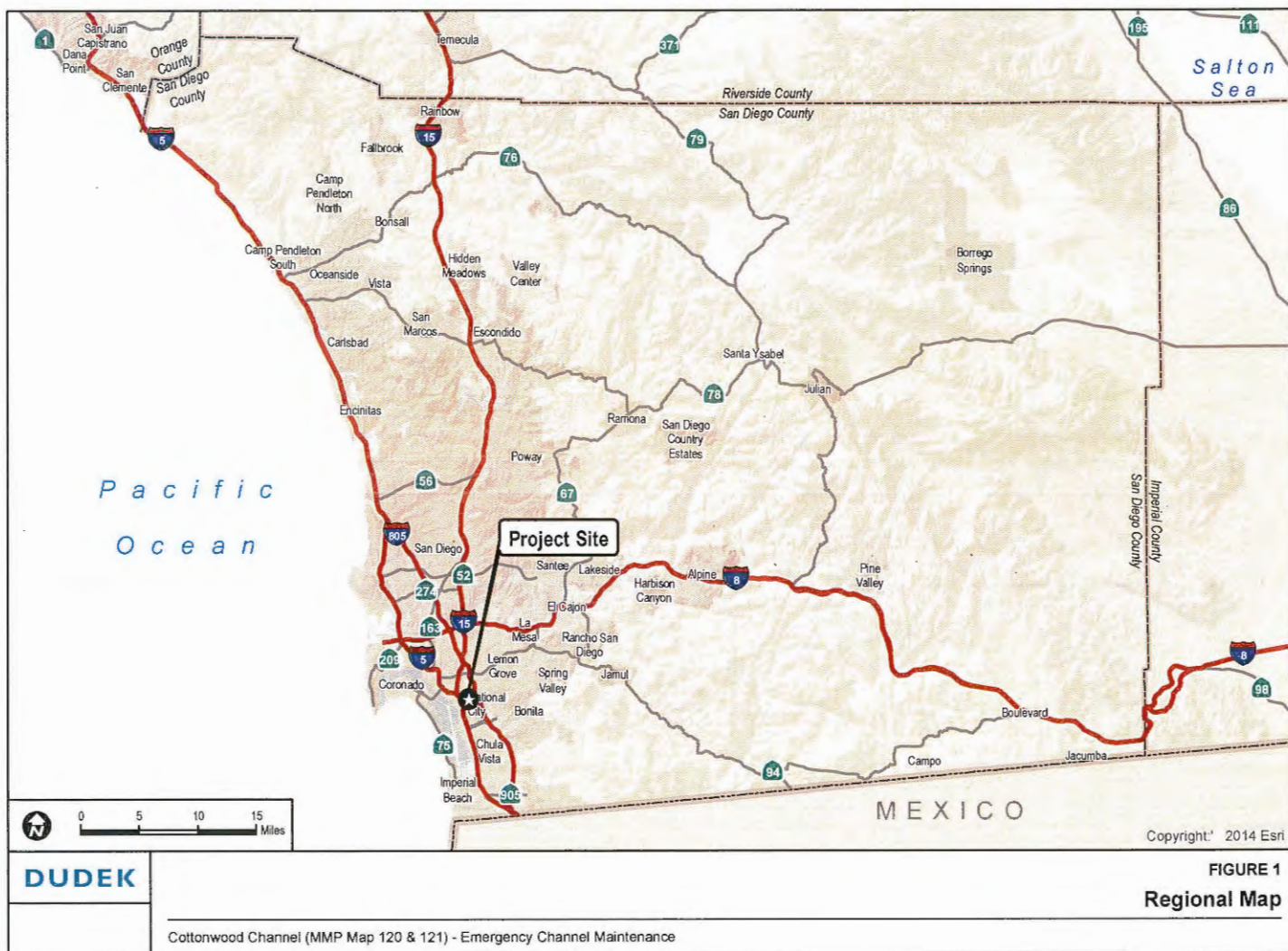
Signature of Applicant or Applicant's Authorized Representative

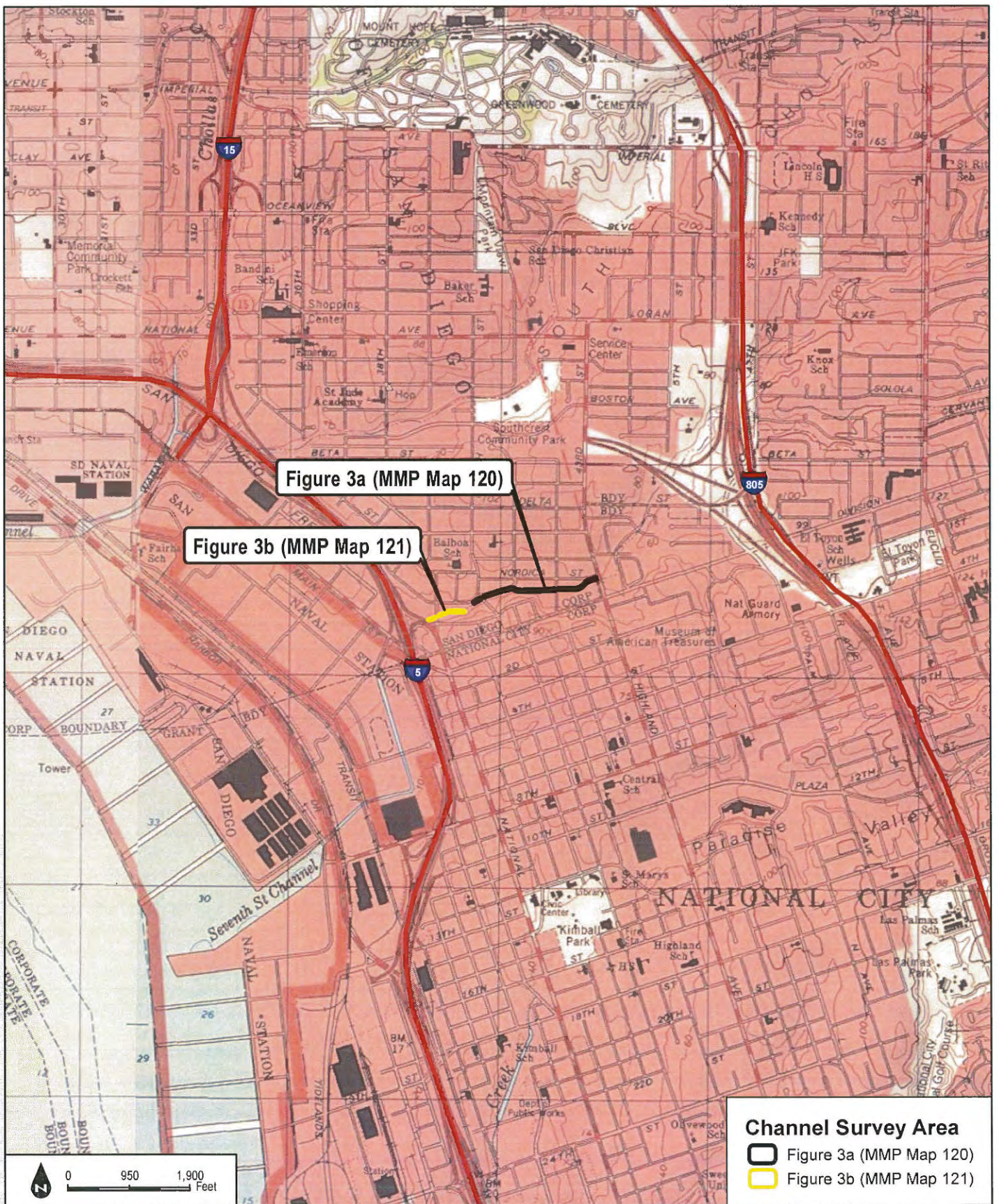


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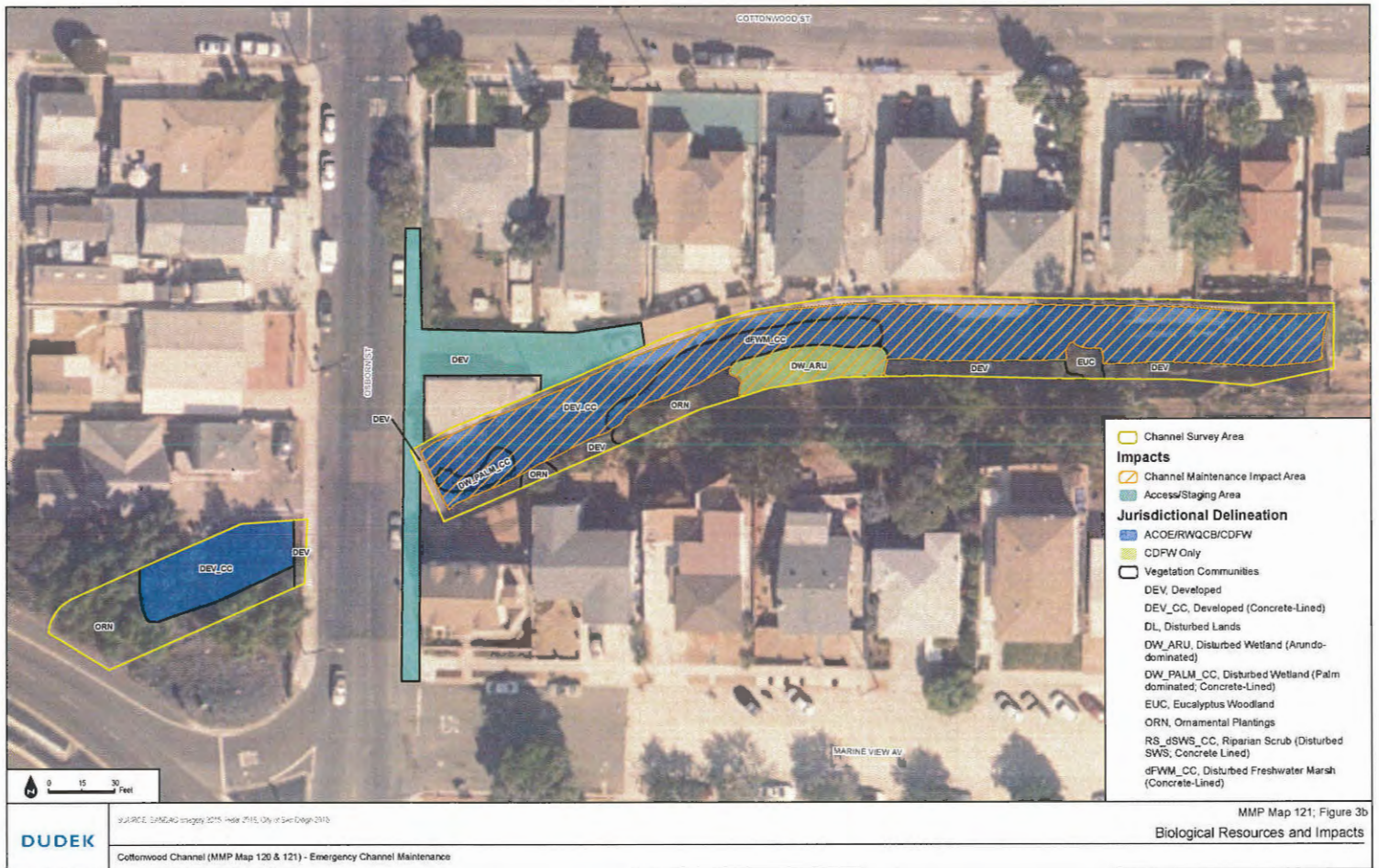
SOURCE: USGS 7.5-Minute Series - National City Quadrangle.

FIGURE 2
Vicinity Map

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Cottonwood Channel (MMP Map 120 & 121) - Emergency Channel Maintenance





MMP Map 121; Figure 3b

Biological Resources and Impacts

DUDEK

SOURCE: SPM&A survey 2015, under 2015, City of San Diego 2013

Cottonwood Channel (MMP Map 120 & 121) - Emergency Channel Maintenance

ATTACHMENT A

Cottonwood Channel Emergency Channel Maintenance, MMP Map 120 Fig.3a & 121 Fig.3b

Photograph Log

Photograph 1: Looking downstream (west) from 43rd street/Nordica Ave toward 42nd St. (photo shows the east end of MMP Map 120; Figure 3a).



(December 27, 2015; 7:42am)

Photograph 2: Looking upstream (east) towards 43rd street from 42nd street at the proposed Access/Staging area. Sandbags are in place to prevent sedimentation downstream.



(December 29, 2015; 8:15am)

Photograph 3: Looking downstream (west) from inside the channel towards 42nd street. Urban Corp. are seen here removing stands of Arundo growing in the east end of MMP Map 120; Figure 3a.



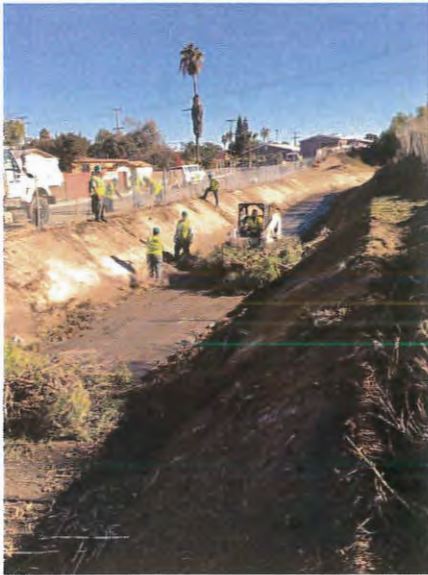
(December 29, 2015; 11:20am)

Photograph 4: Looking upstream (east) while standing at the staging area on 42nd street following completion of maintenance activities for the portion of channel east of 42nd street.



(December 29, 2015; 12:24pm)

Photograph 5: Looking upstream (east) towards 41st street from the south side of channel at the bobcat transporting sediment and vegetation for the excavator to pick up. This portion of the channel is running parallel to Cottonwood Street.



(December 30, 2015; 10:09am)

Photograph 6: Looking downstream (west) at small portion of channel immediately west of 40th street and parallel to Cottonwood street. Urban Corp. are removing sediment and vegetation in preparation for excavation.



(December 30, 2015; 1:45pm)

Photograph 7: Looking upstream (east) while standing at the Access/Staging Area on Osborn St. at crews removing sediment and vegetation (photo shows west end of MMP Map 121; Fig 3b).



(December 31, 2015; 11:03am)

Photograph 8: Looking upstream (east) at the portion of channel needing maintenance that is closest to Osborn street (shown in MMP Map 121; Fig 3b). Urban Corp. are removing sediment and vegetation for bobcat to transport to excavator.



(December 31, 2015; 11:12am)

Photograph 9: Looking downstream (west) at the portion of channel between closest to Osborn street following completion of maintenance activities.



(January 1, 2016; 9:50am)

Photograph 10: Looking upstream (east) at the portion of channel parallel to Cottonwood street between 40th and 41st street following completion of maintenance activities.



(January 1, 2016; 1:47pm)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Check one or both)

TO: X RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
P.O. BOX 1750, MS A-33
1600 PACIFIC HWY, ROOM 260
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101-2422

FROM: CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1010 2ND AVENUE, SUITE 1200
EAST TOWER, MS 413
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

 OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH
1400 TENTH STREET, ROOM 121
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

PROJECT NO.: **462965** PROJECT TITLE: **Cottonwood Channel Emergency Maintenance (Maps 120 & 121)**

PROJECT LOCATION-SPECIFIC: The project is emergency maintenance of a concrete-lined drainage channel located east of Interstate 5 between Osborn Street and North Highland Avenue, within the Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Area in Council District 8.

PROJECT LOCATION-CITY/COUNTY: City of San Diego/San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT: The emergency action is for the removal of dense vegetation and sediment from an approximately 2,216 linear feet (LF) concrete lined drainage channel. The channel expands from a bottom width of 11 feet to a top width of 28.5 feet. Several factors have raised the risk of flood to imminent within the channel, including increased sediment build up in the channel just west of North Highland Avenue and in the downstream sections. Also contributing to the flood threat is the potential for dislodging of exotic vegetation (palms, fountain grass, etc.) that is scattered down the length of the channel loosely rooted in small cracks in the concrete. Due to the large size of many of these palms, in the event that they are uprooted by heavy rains and flows within the channel, such as those predicted during the upcoming El Niño storm season, downstream culverts would be at a high risk of clogging, resulting in severe flooding upstream. Therefore, the City of San Diego has determined that an imminent threat to properties adjacent to the proposed emergency maintenance areas of the Cottonwood Channel exists.

Land covers and vegetation proposed for removal include 1.08 acres of developed concrete-lined channel, 0.03 acres of disturbed wetland (palm-dominated; concrete lined), 0.06 acres of disturbed freshwater marsh (concrete-lined), and 0.06 acres of riparian scrub (disturbed southern willow scrub; concrete-lined). Total impacts to jurisdictional areas are 1.23 acres (2,216 linear feet) of non-wetland waters of the U.S. An additional 0.02 acres (no additional linear feet) of disturbed wetland (Arundo-dominated), located above the Ordinary High Water Mark, under California Department of Fish and Wildlife jurisdiction only, would also be removed.

Work is proposed within two separate segments of the concrete-lined channel, with access and staging near 4291 Nordica Avenue, 4045 Cottonwood Street, 3993 Cottonwood Street, and 2121 Osborn Street. A Gradall will lower a Skid-steer into the channel at each access point and push accumulated vegetation and sediment to a central location. A Gradall, located outside of the channel, will scoop out the material and deposit it into dump trucks. All excavated materials will be hauled offsite and disposed of at the Miramar Landfill. The emergency work is expected to remove an estimated 400 cubic yards of vegetation.

Excavation and removal of the increase in sediment and vegetation is needed to alleviate the threat of flooding to adjacent properties from storm events, and the forecasted El Niño-influenced weather patterns expected to bring heavier than normal rainfall to the San Diego region during the winter of 2015-2016. The emergency project is not located within or adjacent to the Multi-Habitat Planning Area. This emergency activity will

require subsequent permit review pursuant to the modified Substantial Conformance Review Procedures as described in Chapter 7 of the Master Storm Water System Maintenance Program (MMP); and the City of San Diego's Land Development Code §143.0126 Emergency Authorization to Impact Environmentally Sensitive Lands. The application shall be submitted within 60 days of completion of the emergency work.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: City of San Diego

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Gene Matter 619.527.7506,
Transportation & Storm Water Department, Storm Water Division, Operations and Maintenance, 2781
Caminito Chollas, MS 44, San Diego, CA 92105

EXEMPT STATUS: (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ MINISTERIAL (Sec. 21080 (b) (1); 15268);
- ☐ DECLARED EMERGENCY (Sec. 21080 (b) (3); 15269(a));
- ☒ **EMERGENCY PROJECT [Sec. 21080(b)(2),(4); 15269(b),(c)]**
- ☐ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION: (Sec. 15301)
- ☐ STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS: (Sec. 15269)


REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This emergency exemption is based on the expert opinion and findings by the Transportation & Storm Water Department. The buildup of sediment and vegetation have obstructed storm water flows within the channel causing the potential for flooding of adjacent roadways and properties. Immediate, specific action is necessary to avoid or minimize a threat of loss or damage to life, property or essential public services. This emergency activity meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(4) and section 15269(c) of the CEQA Guidelines, which allow for actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, as well as Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(2) and Guidelines Section 15269(b), which apply to emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare. The exemption is appropriate given the significant risk to life and property posed by the changed conditions in the channel and the high likelihood of major rain events occurring imminently due to El Niño. The removal of approximately 2,216 linear feet of vegetation and sediment is the minimum necessary to prevent and mitigate the emergency and will have no more than a minimal and temporary effect on the aquatic environment.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Myra Herrmann, Senior Planner, Planning Department, Telephone: (619) 446-5372

IF FILED BY APPLICANT:

1. ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING.
2. HAS A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BEEN FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT?
() YES () NO

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO HAS DETERMINED THE ABOVE ACTIVITY TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA

 SENIOR PLANNER
SIGNATURE/TITLE

December 21, 2015
DATE

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ SIGNED BY LEAD AGENCY
- ☐ SIGNED BY APPLICANT

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK OR OPR:

EMERGENCY PERMIT

1. City of San Diego Transportation Storm Water Department 12-21-15
(Name) (Date)
2. 2781 Caminito Chollas MS 44
(Street Name & No.)
3. San Diego, CA 92105
(City, State, Zip)
4. PTS 462965- Cottonwood Channel (Map 120 & 121) Emergency Maintenance Approval
No. 1619985
(PTS and Emergency Permit Number)
5. **Project Location-** Work is proposed within two separate segments of the concrete-lined channel, with access and staging near 4291 Nordica Avenue, 4045 Cottonwood Street, 3993 Cottonwood Street, and 2121 Osborn Street.
6. **SCOPE-** The emergency action is for the removal of dense vegetation and sediment from an approximately 2,216 linear feet (LF) concrete lined drainage channel. The channel expands from a bottom width of 11 feet to a top width of 28.5 feet. Several factors have raised the risk of flood to imminent within the channel, including increased sediment build up in the channel just west of North Highland Avenue and in the downstream sections. Also contributing to the flood threat is the potential for dislodging of exotic vegetation (palms, fountain grass, etc.) that is scattered down the length of the channel loosely rooted in small cracks in the concrete. Due to the large size of many of these palms, in the event that they are uprooted by heavy rains and flows within the channel, such as those predicted during the upcoming El Niño storm season, downstream culverts would be at a high risk of clogging, resulting in severe flooding upstream.

Dear Ms. Rothman:

This letter constitutes approval of the emergency work you or your representative have requested to be done at the location listed above. Based on the submitted information and staff's site inspection an unexpected geotechnical occurrence requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss or damage to life, health, property or essential public services.

- a. An emergency exists which requires action more quickly than permitted by the procedures for acquiring a Coastal and/or Site Development Permit; and


- b. Public comment on the proposed emergency action has been solicited and reviewed to the extent feasible; and

The work is hereby approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. **Only** that work specifically requested as described above, described within the CEQA document and for the specific property listed above is authorized. Any additional work requires separate authorization from the City Manager.
2. The permittee shall apply for a Public Project Assessment to determine if a follow-up permit is needed **or** submit for a regular Coastal and/or Site Development Permit to have the emergency work be considered permanent.
3. **This permit does not eliminate the need to obtain necessary authorizations and/or permits from other agencies.**

If you have any questions about the provisions of this authorization, please call the City of San Diego, Development Services Department.

EMERGENCY PERMIT APPROVED:



Helene Deisher, Development Project Manager

JOB ORDER NUMBER: 21003732

Approval



12/21/15 2:51 pm

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Development Services
1222 First Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101-4154

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Project Information

Project Nbr: 462965 **Title:** Cottonwood Channel EM Maint.
Project Mgr: Deisher, Helene (619)446-5223

hmdeisher@san-diego.gov



Approval Information

Approval Nbr: 16 19985 **Type:** Emergency **Status:** Issued

Authorization-ESL



Issued: 12/21/2015 2:51 pm

Issued By: Deisher, Helene

Permit Holder: Rothman, Christine - Transportation Stormwater

Completed:

Completed By:

Owner Occupied: ☐

Overridden: ☐

Extension Qty: 0

Extended By:

Cancel Reason:

Scope: Removal of dense vegetation and sediment from approximately 2,216 linear feet of concrete lined drainage channel.

Precancel Status:

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