
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Honorable Andrew Salas, Chairperson
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NOTIFICATION OF TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITY – WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OC RECLAMATION, LLC – INERT DEBRIS ENGINEERED FILL OPERATION, CITY OF ORANGE

Dear Honorable Chairperson Salas,

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) has received a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) from OC Reclamation, LLC (Discharger) for the OC Reclamation, LLC – Inert Debris Engineered Fill Operation (Project). The Santa Ana Water Board is the lead agency for the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and intends to use an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that is being prepared in collaboration with the Discharger to comply with the CEQA Guidelines. A description of the proposed Project and location is included below. The Santa Ana Water Board values any input you may have on Project's potential effects on tribal cultural resources. If you would like to schedule a consultation to discuss the Project, please submit a written request to the Santa Ana Water Board within 30 days of receiving this letter.

Project Location

The Project is located in the City of Orange in Orange County. The Project is generally located on the north side of Santiago Canyon Road between Cannon Street and North Santiago Canyon Road (33° 48' 43.72" N, -117° 47'49.90" W). The Project site is approximately 14 acres.

Project Description

The Discharger is proposing to fill an abandoned open pit mine with inert material and grade the site to an elevation equal to the adjacent parcels. The proposed Project would occur in two phases and last approximately 4.5 years. During the first phase, the Discharger would clear and re-contour the Project site. A steep, unvegetated

slope currently descends into Santiago Creek. The Discharger proposes to relocate this slope from its current location, and an elevated bench with shallow ponds would be created. The clearing and grading activities would last approximately two months. Habitat restoration and creation along Santiago Creek would begin following the grading of the Project site. The Project's second phase would include depositing inert material into the pit over a 4.5-year period.

The Discharger is finalizing the IS/MND in compliance with CEQA and is considering potential impacts to cultural resources. The Santa Ana Water Board is considering adopting Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the Project and intends to use the IS/MND being prepared by the Discharger to comply with CEQA, as the lead agency.

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The Santa Ana Water Board looks forward to hearing from you. If you would like to schedule a consultation, please submit a written request within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Maher Zaher at Maher.Zaher@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure: Attachment A (Project Map)

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Figure 4: Hydrologic Features

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