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**Subject: Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality
Certification for the Seismic Upgrade of the Carquinez Bridges, Solano
and Contra Costa County.**

Dear Ms.Chang:

We have reviewed the subject proposed to strengthen the bridge superstructure which will include the foundation on both bridges at Piers 4 and 5 located in the Carquinez Strait. Work at Pier 5, in the tidal zone, will require sheetpile installation, dewatering , and a temporary trestle.

The Corps of Engineers has determined that the project qualifies for a Department of the Army Nationwide Permit 23, Approved Categorical Exclusions, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

You have applied for a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification that the proposed project will not violate State water quality standards. Pursuant to Regional Board Resolution No. 87-053, Waste Discharge Requirements are waived with the following conditions:

1. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan shall be developed pursuant to the Caltrans National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CAS029998;
2. Measures shall be employed to minimize disturbances along the shoreline that will adversely impact water quality;
3. Replacement planting shall be done following construction and prior to the rainy season;



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4. Dewatering shall be accomplished in a manner to minimize adverse water quality impacts.

Pursuant to Title 23, California Code of Regulations Section 3857, this is equivalent to a waiver of water quality certification.

We anticipate no further action on this application. However, should new information come to our attention that indicates a water quality problem with the project, the Regional Board may issue Waste Discharge Requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact Richard Whitsel of my staff at (510) 286-1329.

Sincerely,


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Executive Officer

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