



San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Subject: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Acknowledgement of the Oakland Harbor Turning Basin Widening

Dear Dr. Beach:

The purpose of this communication is to respond to a request by the San Francisco District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE). We have been engaged with USACE staff and management regarding the proposed Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening (Project), including Regulatory Advisory Workgroup meetings and providing comments on the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment Document.

Due to federal requirements for dredging projects, the USACE is required to submit a request for Water Quality Certification (WQC) pursuant to Section 401 of the federal CWA for review and acceptance by the Water Board prior to commencing any work. To issue a WQC the Water Board will need to receive a valid request in accordance with 40 CFR § 121 and comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. Once a valid request for a WQC is submitted to the Water Board, we intend to fully review this Project and anticipate being able to issue the WQC.

If you have any further questions, please contact Jazzy Graham-Davis of my staff at (510) 622-2509, or by email at Jazzy.Graham-Davis@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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