
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: City of Commerce MS4 Permittee and Interested Persons

FROM: Ivar Ridgeway *Ivar K. Ridgeway*
Stormwater Permitting Unit Chief

DATE: May 18, 2021

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE BIOFILTRATION DESIGN SPECIFICATION PURSUANT TO PART VI.D.7.c.iii(1)(b)(i) OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

On May 5, 2021, the City of Commerce (City), submitted correspondence to the Los Angeles Water Board requesting review for the use of the Bio Clean Modular Wetlands System as an alternative biofiltration design specification for projects within the City's jurisdiction.

Pursuant to Part VI.D.7.c.iii(1)(b)(i) of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit, projects using biofiltration as an alternative compliance measure may use alternative design specifications for on-site biofiltration systems if approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer.

Public Review

Concurrent with the review by Los Angeles Water Board staff, the Board is soliciting public comment on the City's request. The request and supporting documentation are included as an attachment to this email. If you did not receive this email directly, please email Susana Vargas at Susana.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov for the supporting documents.

Persons wishing to comment are invited to submit comments electronically as a PDF file to: MS4StormwaterRB4@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit - Comments on Alternative Biofiltration Design (Commerce)" with a copy to Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov. **To be evaluated and considered by the Los Angeles Water Board Executive Officer, all written comments must be received by the Board by 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2021.** Late submittal of written comments will not be accepted or considered.

Please contact Ms. Susana Vargas of the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email or by phone at (213) 576-6688 with any questions regarding this document. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway by email or by phone at (213) 620-2150.