

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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VIA EMAIL ONLY

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM (CIMP) FOR THE BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175 AS AMENDED BY STATE WATER BOARD ORDER WQ 2015-0075 AND ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175-A01) (THE "LA COUNTY MS4 PERMIT")

Dear Dr. Kharaghani:

On December 13, 2018, the City of Los Angeles, on behalf of the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group (Group), requested modifications to the Group's Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP). The Group's letter requested the following modifications:

1. Increase Reporting Limit (RL) for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) to 28 mg/L;
2. Revise language and references in Table 14 of the CIMP; and
3. Revise the dry weather monitoring frequency for hardness, copper, lead, and zinc at BC_01_NAT, BC_02_SAW, and SC_CUL.

On January 7, 2019, the Los Angeles Water Board noticed the Group's request for public comment. The Los Angeles Water Board received one comment letter from Heal the Bay, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and the Natural Resources Defense Council (jointly). The commenters expressed the need to demonstrate that an increased RL for TDS will maintain consistent data usability and will not degrade water quality. Additionally, the commenters expressed that monitoring for metals should continue monthly given water quality concerns for metals in the greater Los Angeles Region.

The Los Angeles Water Board finds that the Group's requested modifications are consistent with the requirements of Attachment E Part VI.C-D of the LA County MS4 Permit. Regarding the TDS request, an increase of the TDS RL will not foreseeably impact data usability or water quality given the historic TDS concentrations at the subject stations, past use of the RL, and the method used by the Group.

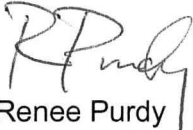
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This letter serves as notification that the Los Angeles Water Board hereby approves the Group's requested modifications as submitted on December 13, 2018. The Group must commence implementing its monitoring program outlined in its CIMP consistent with the requested modifications. The Group shall submit a PDF of its CIMP by **May 31, 2019** that incorporates the requested modifications.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Lopez of the Storm Water Permitting Unit at Chris.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov or (213) 576-6674, or Ivar Ridgeway, Chief of the Storm Water Permitting Unit, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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