



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 14, 2023

Via Email Only

Permittees of the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group¹

FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP'S WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (WMP) PURSUANT TO THE REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004004; ORDER NO. R4-2021-0105)

Dear Permittees of the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group:

The Regional MS4 Permit (Order No. R4-2021-0105) authorizes discharges from the MS4 operated by 99 municipal Permittees within the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (hereafter, Regional MS4 Permit or Order). The Regional MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to use a Watershed Management Program (WMP) to implement many of the permit's requirements through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs).

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board), approved with conditions, the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group's WMP on April 4, 2023. The conditional approval letter directed the Group to submit a final WMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than July 3, 2023. On June 30, 2023, the Group submitted its final WMP, as directed. On July 21, 2023, the Los Angeles Water Board requested the Group to make minor modifications to the WMP. On August 2, 2023, the Group submitted the final revised WMP.

After review of the final Group's WMP submitted on August 2, 2023, the Los Angeles Water Board has determined that the Group's final WMP satisfies all the conditions identified in the April 4, 2023 conditional approval letter. The WMP submitted on August 2, 2023 constitutes the final approved WMP for the Group.

The Group may propose WMP modifications at any time during the term of the Order, as necessary. The Group shall provide a standalone written request explaining the nature of the proposed modification(s) and justification for consideration by the Los Angeles Water Board. Such justification may include the need to align the timing of

¹ Permittees of the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group (Group) include the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), and the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Inglewood, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood.

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implementation for a specific project with a project partner that is not regulated by the Regional MS4 Permit.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Erum Razzak with the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email at Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2095. Alternatively, you may also contact Ivar Ridgeway, Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit Supervisor by email at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,

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