



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 12, 2015

Permittees of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group¹ (See Distribution List)

FINAL APPROVED BEACH CITIES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP'S COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO ATTACHMENT E, PART IV.B OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

Dear Permittees of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) has reviewed the final monitoring program submitted on September 24, 2015 by the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group (Group). This monitoring program was submitted pursuant to the provisions of NPDES Permit No. CAS004001 (Order No. R4-2012-0175), which authorizes discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by 86 municipal Permittees within Los Angeles County (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit). The LA County MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to develop and implement a coordinated integrated monitoring program (CIMP) that achieves the five Primary Objectives set forth in Part II.A of Attachment E and includes the elements set forth in Part II.E of Attachment E. These programs must be approved by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board.

On August 25, 2015, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the Group's CIMP. My approval letter directed the Group to submit a final CIMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than September 24, 2015. On September 24, 2015, the Group submitted its final CIMP, as directed.

After review of the Group's final CIMP submitted on September 24, 2015, I have determined that the Group's CIMP satisfies all of the conditions identified in my August 25, 2015 approval letter. The CIMP submitted on September 24, 2015 hereby constitutes the final approved CIMP for the Group. Additional direction on requirements for follow-up monitoring when aquatic toxicity is present in downstream receiving waters has been provided in separate correspondence dated August 07, 2015, and must be followed as part of the Group's final approved CIMP.

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¹ Permittees of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group CIMP include the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and the cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

Santa Monica Bay Nearshore Debris TMDL

Requirements for the Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL (SMB Debris TMDL) can be satisfied through the submittal of the Trash Monitoring and Reporting Plan (TMRP) and Plastic Pellet Monitoring and Reporting Plan (PMRP) or via the CIMP. The Board approves the City of Redondo Beach PMRP exemption request. Members of the Group with an approved PMRP exemption, must document the Approved Exemption in the Annual Report. Members with an Approved Exemption must notify the Regional Board upon the discovery of any new industrial facilities that have an SIC code that corresponds to the manufacturing, handling, or transportation of plastic pellets which will result in the revocation of the approval. Additionally, the Board approves the TMRP for the City of Torrance and directs the City to begin implementation of the TMRP immediately.

The Los Angeles Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the Group in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erum Razzak of the Storm Water Permitting Unit by electronic mail at <u>Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (213) 620-2095. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at <u>Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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