

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 20, 2018

Permittees of the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group¹
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VIA EMAIL

APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION TO THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM (CIMP) FOR THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP, 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 AS AMENDED BY STATE WATER BOARD ORDER WQ 2015-0075 AND LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175-A01)

Dear Permittees of the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group:

On June 28, 2017, the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group (Group) submitted a request to make the following modifications to the CIMP for the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group:

- To begin conducting quarterly dry-weather sampling at the start of the 2017/2018 monitoring season, for at least one sampling site in each impaired reach prior to the dry-weather compliance deadline, consistent with Attachment A of Resolution No. R15-005 (Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan – Los Angeles Region to incorporate the TMDL for Indicator Bacteria in the San Gabriel River, Estuary and Tributaries).
- To reduce the metals monitoring frequency in San Jose Creek from four to three wet-weather events per year.
- To use Six Basins Watermaster model data to estimate flow volumes for pollutant loading estimates if the data is representative and useful. The Six Basins are a group of adjacent groundwater basins, located just south of the San Gabriel Mountains in eastern Los Angeles and western San Bernardino Counties. The model tracks rainfall, runoff volume, and infiltration into each of the six basins.
- If the above-referenced Six Basins model data does not provide useful, representative data, the Group will look into the possibility of installing flow meters to continuously monitor flow rates and volumes of receiving waters throughout the year. In addition, the Group will

¹ Permittees participating in the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group CIMP include the cities of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas.

also consider collecting flow-weighted composite wet weather samples in lieu of time-weighted composite samples.

On April 5, 2018, the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) provided public notice and a 32-day period to allow for public review and comment on the Group's proposed modifications to the approved CIMP. No comments were received during the review period.

Concurrent with the public review, the Los Angeles Water Board reviewed the requested modifications to the approved CIMP.

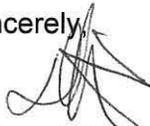
This letter serves as notification that I hereby approve the Group's requested modifications as submitted on June 28, 2017. However, the Group must report on how they are estimating flow volumes for pollutant loading. The Group must provide their selected method in submitted Annual Reports from the following options listed in their request:

- Use of the Six Basins Watermaster model data to estimate flow volumes for pollutant loading. The Group must provide justification and supporting documents for the model's representativeness for calculating pollutant loading to San Jose Creek;
- Use of flow meters instead of the Six Basins Watermaster model.

The Group may implement the requested modifications immediately. Please revise your CIMP with the approved modifications and submit a copy of the entire revised CIMP to the Board by **July 20, 2018**.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Angineh Shahnazarian of the Storm Water Permitting Unit at Angineh.Shahnazarian@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-6635. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Chief of the Storm Water Permitting Unit, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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