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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 21, 2016

Permittees of the Upper Santa Clara Watershed Management Group<sup>1</sup>  
(See Distribution List)

**APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM (CIMP) FOR THE UPPER SANTA CLARA 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)**

Dear Permittees of the Upper Santa Clara Watershed Management Group:

Based on further analysis of rainfall data to determine the driest month within the Upper Santa Clara Watershed, the Upper Santa Clara River Group (Group), on May 2, 2016, submitted a request to modify the CIMP by reclassifying the historically driest month for the Group as July instead of August as currently written in the approved CIMP. Additionally, this reclassification would allow the Upper Santa Clara Watershed Management Group to achieve greater efficiency in CIMP implementation by coordinating dry weather receiving water monitoring with the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District.

On May 18, 2016, the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) provided public notice and a 30-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. The Los Angeles Water Board found the requested modifications to be consistent with the requirements of Attachment E Part VI.D.1.a of Order No. R4-2012-0175, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, except those Discharges Originating from the City of Long Beach* (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit).

<sup>1</sup> Permittees of the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Management Group include the City of Santa Clarita, County of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

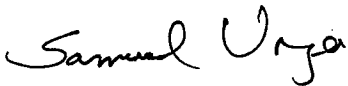
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This letter is to notify that I hereby approve the Group's requested modifications as submitted on May 2, 2016. The Group must commence implementing the monitoring program outlined in its approved CIMP consistent with the requested modifications.

Please note that, as previously detailed in my June 4, 2015 approval, the Group is responsible for complying with all reporting provisions included in Attachment E, Part XIV – XVIII and Section A of Part XIX, "Reporting Requirements for Santa Clara River WMA TMDLs," and Attachment D, Sections IV, V, and VII.A of the LA County MS4 Permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erum Razzak of the Storm Water Permitting Unit at [Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2095. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Chief of the Storm Water Permitting Unit, at [Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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