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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 7, 2017

Permittees of the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds EWMP Group<sup>1</sup>  
(See Distribution List)

**APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM (CIMP) FOR THE NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY COASTAL WATERSHEDS EWMP 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 North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds EWMP Group (Group):

On October 17, 2016, the Group submitted a request to the Los Angeles Water Board to modify their CIMP's bacteria monitoring at Malibu Lagoon. Additionally, on December 22, 2016, the Group submitted a request to the Los Angeles Water Board to modify their CIMP's bacteria and nutrients monitoring in the Malibu Lagoon. For consistency with the approved Malibu Creek and Lagoon Bacteria TMDL, the Group proposes to modify Section 2.3 and Appendix A Table A-2 of the CIMP to monitor for total coliform, fecal coliform, and enterococcus at MCW-1 (Malibu Lagoon) and omit monitoring for E. coli, which is used as the bacteria water quality objective in freshwater only.

Additionally, the Group proposed to monitor for nutrients at MCW-1 which was originally a monitoring site for bacteria only. However, for consistency with the USEPA Malibu Creek Nutrients TMDL, the Group proposes to revise Appendix A Table A-2 of the CIMP, to remove the reference to monitoring for nutrients at MCW-1 for purposes of TMDL effectiveness monitoring, and use existing nutrients monitoring at the upstream receiving water site NSMBCW-RW2 (Malibu Creek) and storm water outfall site NSMBCW-O2 (Malibu Creek) to demonstrate compliance with the wasteload allocations assigned to MS4 discharges for the Malibu Creek Nutrients TMDL. The Group is aware of the Los Angeles Water Board's December 8, 2016 adoption of an Implementation Plan for the Malibu Creek Nutrients TMDL and the Malibu Creek and Lagoon TMDL for Nutrients and Sedimentation to Address Benthic Impairments (Malibu Creek Nutrients Implementation Plan), which requires responsible agencies to submit a TMDL effectiveness monitoring plan within two years of the effective date

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<sup>1</sup> Permittees participating in the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds CIMP include the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and the City of Malibu.

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of the Implementation Plan. The Group proposes to perform any additional nutrient monitoring consistent with that requirement at that time.

On December 28, 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. The Board received one comment letter in support of the proposed modifications from the City of Malibu.

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).

This letter serves as notification that I hereby approve the Group's requested modifications as submitted on December 22, 2016. The Group must commence implementing the monitoring program outlined in its approved CIMP consistent with the requested modifications. To address any additional nutrient monitoring requirements, the Group shall modify their CIMP or submit a TMDL effectiveness monitoring plan within two years of the effective date of the aforementioned TMDL Implementation Plan.

Please note that, as previously detailed in my August 5, 2015 approval, the Group is responsible for complying with all reporting provisions included in Attachment E, Part XIV – XVIII and Section B of Part XIX, "Reporting Requirements for Santa Monica Bay WMA TMDLs," and Attachment D, Sections IV, V, and VII.A of the LA County MS4 Permit, 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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