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APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS TO THE NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY COASTAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP'S COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ATTACHMENT E 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 R4-2012-0175-A01)

Dear Permittees of the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watershed Management Group¹:

On July 16, 2018, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) received a request from the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watershed Management Group (NSMBCW) to modify the NSMBCW Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP). The Permittees request included raising the wet weather monitoring mobilization threshold from a 70% probability of at least 0.25 inches of rain to a 70% probability of at least 0.5 inches of rain.

On July 30, 2018, the Los Angeles Water Board provided public notice and a 30-day period to allow for public review and comment on the proposed modifications to the NSMBCW CIMP. The Board received one joint comment letter from Heal the Bay, Los Angeles Waterkeeper and the Natural Resources Defense Council, which opposed the proposed change to the wet weather monitoring mobilization threshold. The comments provided in the letter were evaluated and considered by the Los Angeles Water Board as part of the review process.

¹ Permittees of the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watershed Management Group include the City of Malibu, the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

On February 28, 2019, Los Angeles Water Board staff had a conference call with the NSMBCW Group to discuss the proposed CIMP modification request to change the wet weather mobilization threshold from 0.25 inches of rainfall to 0.5 inches of rainfall. On April 2, 2019, based on this discussion, the Group provided an addendum to the July 16, 2018 CIMP modification request. In the addendum, the NSMBCW Group retracted the request to modify the rainfall trigger for sampling mobilization. Instead, the NSMBCW Group proposed to modify the CIMP to clarify that if wet weather sampling mobilization is triggered at 0.25 inches, but MS4 outfall samples are not collected due to no discharge, the sampling event will be documented and will be considered a wet weather monitoring event. In addition, receiving water samples will be collected even if the upstream outfall sample is not collected due to the absence of discharges.

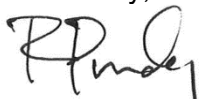
This letter serves as notification to the NSMBCW Group that the Los Angeles Water Board Executive Officer approves the proposed modifications to the NSMBCW CIMP as submitted on April 2, 2019 with the following additions to the CIMP as shown in red and underlined.

1. On page 23 last paragraph add the following: Wet weather monitoring of the first storm event of the storm year will be triggered for mobilization when forecasts predict a 24-hour rainfall depth of at least 0.25 inches at a 70% probability the day before the start of the storm event. For subsequent storm events, wet weather monitoring will target storm events that forecast sufficient rainfall and runoff to meet program objectives.
2. On page 24 first paragraph add the following: If mobilization occurs but no MS4 outfall samples are collected due to a lack of flow, this event will ~~not~~ be considered a wet weather monitoring event. However, if no receiving water sample is collected due to lack of flow, this event will not be considered a wet weather monitoring event.

Please revise the CIMP accordingly and submit an electronic copy of the entire revised CIMP to the Board by **October 7, 2019**.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Christmann of the Storm Water Permitting Unit at Rebecca.Christmann@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-5734. Alternatively, you may also contact 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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