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Los Angeles Region

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Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer's Report is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather highlights of Regional Board staff activities from the previous month.

Executive Office

Ten Years of Service on the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Board

Deborah Smith, Chief Deputy Executive Officer of the Regional Water Quality Control Board staff received a photo/plaque for her service on the Governing Board of Directors of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy where she has served as a delegated Board Member representing four Secretaries of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) over nearly a 10 year period. There are two permanent seats on the Conservancy (Secretary of Resources and Cal/EPA). When the Conservancy was first formed, Secretary Hickox was serving as Cal/EPA Secretary. Deborah was asked to permanently represent Secretary Hickox at RMC Governing Board meetings. She then continued to represent Secretaries Tamminen, Lloyd, and currently Secretary Linda Adams. January was the 10th anniversary of the enabling legislation for the Conservancy. The Board will be celebrating this anniversary later this spring.

Our mission is to preserve

and enhance the quality of

California's water resources

for the benefit of present and

future generations.

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Caption: Deborah Smith accepts the award from San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board Chairman, Frank Colonna.

Watershed Management

Watershed Stakeholder Activities

Nine of the ten watershed management areas in the Los Angeles Region have extensive stakeholder involvement (represented by agencies, individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations) in watershed and sub-watershed activities including development of planning documents and implementation of restoration projects. Major watershed activities involving multiple stakeholders include participation in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan process to address areawide water supply, water quality, and open space issues; development of restoration plans such as is occurring at Ormond Beach and Ballona Wetlands, and implementation of restoration plans such as is occurring at Malibu Lagoon. Additional information on watershed stakeholder activities may be found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/regional_program/index.shtml#Watershed.

Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) Chapter

Each Regional Board has a "chapter" in a statewide document which describes the Regions' watersheds and their priority water quality issues. Updates occur as needed; the last update of the Los Angeles Regional Board's WMI Chapter occurred in December 2007. That document can be downloaded at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/regional_program/index.shtml#Watershed. In addition, there is a clickable map of the Region's watersheds for information specific to each one including State of Watershed Reports, where available, and lists of permits and impaired waters.

Funding

Information on a wide variety of funding sources is available on the California Watershed Funding Database website at <http://cwfd.casil.ucdavis.edu/>. Both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties have developed Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs) in order to qualify for funding under Propositions 50 and 84. The Los Angeles County IRWMP may be viewed at <http://www.lawaterplan.org/> which also includes information on meeting schedules and summaries. The Greater LA Region is composed of five subregions which conduct separate steering committee meetings. The Ventura County IRWMP is available at <http://www.watershedscoalition.org/> which also includes information on meeting schedules and summaries. Committees/councils for the County's watersheds generally meet on a monthly basis. The Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County meets as a combined group less frequently. Stakeholders in the upper Santa Clara River watershed have developed a separate IRWMP which is available at <http://www.scrwaterplan.org>. A fourth IRWM region, Gateway, is located in southeast Los Angeles County.

Landfills Unit

Regional Board Staff Conducted Joint Inspection with Local Enforcement Agency at a Damaged Sewer Pipeline of Sunshine Canyon Landfill

Wen Yang

The Sunshine Canyon Landfill in Sylmar, California, discharges wastewater, including leachate, gas condensate, and contaminated groundwater, via a 4-inch PVC pipeline to the local sanitary sewer system as permitted by the City of Los Angeles. The pipeline passes through a private property (Cloyd Property) to the south of the landfill and discharges to the sewer system near the intersection of the Sesnon Boulevard and Macson Oil Company Road in the community of Granada Hills.

On March 22, 2010, Regional Board staff conducted a joint inspection with the Los Angeles City Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) in response to a spill of wastewater that was resulted from damage to the sewer

pipeline. The spill had been first reported to the Regional Board by a concerned citizen and subsequently confirmed by the landfill operator, Browning Ferris Industries (BFI), also on March 22, 2010.

The inspection found that the damage to the sewer line occurred approximately 600 feet to the north of Sesnon Boulevard, within the Cloyd Property, where the cover (or cap) of a clean-out raiser attached to the 4-inch PVC sewer line had been washed out. The raiser appeared to have been cut off below ground surface and had been covered with soil years ago. Although no water was flowing at the time of inspection, there was clear evidence that wastewater had been discharged from the damaged raiser to a nearby natural channel that flows to the Los Angeles County storm drain system, as indicated by many small ponds of discolored water in the natural channel. There was also evidence that wastewater released from the damaged pipeline had flowed into two stormwater retention basins to the south of Sesnon Boulevard that drain into the Bee Canyon Creek, which drains to the Los Angeles River via Bull Creek. As required and observed by Regional Board staff, BFI's consultant collected water samples from the natural channel to further characterize the wastewater that had been released from the damaged pipeline.

The landfill is currently regulated under Waste Discharge Requirement (WDRs, Order No. R4-2008-0088) adopted by the Regional Board on October 2, 2008, and the State Water Board General Industrial Stormwater Permit. The spill of wastewater from the damaged sewer line is in violation of the WDRs and the General Stormwater Permit. The WDRs require BFI to submit a detailed report (Report) to the Regional Board within seven days of the incident. The Report must include, at a minimum, a map showing the location(s) of the spill, an estimate of the amount of wastewater discharged, a description of the nature of the discharge (e.g., all pertinent observations and analyses), location of sample(s) collected for laboratory analysis, and corrective measures to prevent future violation.

Staff is in the process of issuing a notice of violation to BFI for violating the WDRs and General Stormwater Permit. After reviewing the Report, staff may require further investigations to determine the cause, duration, volume, and impact of the spill and recommend further enforcement actions that are appropriate.

Groundwater Permitting

Paradise Beach Cafe, Malibu

Elizabeth Erickson

The discharger has submitted a Report of Waste Discharge for Paradise Beach Café. An operational change in the kitchen, eliminating meat and fish defrosting under running water, has contributed to a reduction in the discharge volume. While the ROWD is under review, and considered incomplete, the submitted material shows a decrease in the frequency with which the 20,000 gallon per day general permit limit has been exceeded. An investigation of hydrological properties has been completed. Additional seepage pits on the north end of the upper parking lot and disinfection are included in the application. A new individual permit is sought.

Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) reports fewer spring exceedances at the site and recommends delaying additional study at the beach adjacent to the facility.

Malibu Lumber

Elizabeth Erickson

Malibu Lumber began trucking all waste on February 15, 2010, after failing to meet nitrogen limits even when waste from other sites were trucked into the treatment facility. Staff met with the Dischargers on March 22, 2010, who seek to bring the facility into compliance. A revised groundwater monitoring plan is in

preparation and the Discharger agreed to repair existing wells which had been vandalized. A final Title 22 engineering document is in preparation for review by the California Department of Public Health to include irrigation on the Lumber property. A request from the City of Malibu to permanently connect to the adjacent Malibu animal hospital was discussed and additional technical material, equivalent to a Report of Waste Discharge, will be submitted in support of this proposal.

New Santa Paula Wastewater Recycling Facility

Elizabeth Erickson

A tentative Amendment to Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) R4-2007-0028 and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) CI 9259 was released on March 18, 2010 and is available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/. Public comments are due April 19, 2010 and a hearing before the Regional Board is scheduled for May 6, 2010. The amendment sets the maximum volume which can be discharged into the percolation ponds at 2.6 million gallons per day, as quantified by hydrological modeling by the City of Santa Paula in response to Provision H.13 of the WRD. In addition, the MRP is modified to require daily monitoring of groundwater levels.

A conditional approval of the groundwater monitoring program and the percolation ponds operational plan was issued on March 30, 2010. Two additional off-site wells are required to ensure that 5 feet of separation are maintained below the percolation pond at all times. Additional modeling of winter weather groundwater conditions is also required to update the existing hydrology study and ensure that water quality and groundwater separation are maintained during all discharge events.

Underground Storage Tank Program

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of **March 1, 2010** through **April 5, 2010**, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- Chevron Station No. 306435, Los Angeles (900340125)
- Petromar Fueling Facility, Paramount (R-01630)
- Thrifty Oil Service Station #071, La Puente (I-04724)
- Shell Service Station #204-4540-5903, Culver City (I-07073)
- Motion Picture & Television Fund, Woodland Hills (913640016A)
- Former Exxon Station #78712, Torrance (905040107)
- Lim's former Texaco Service Station, Long Beach (908060034)
- Terry Building Center, Northridge (913250398)
- Chevron former Texaco, San Marino (R-50303)
- Mobil Station #18-JYB, Sylmar (913421607)
- Shell Service Station #136125, South Gate (R-26326A)
- Ventura Transfer Company, Long Beach (R-01588)
- Paramount Studios, Los Angeles (900380052)
- Former Shell Service Station, Torrance (902740025A)
- Former Arco Station #6164, Hawthorne (I-00959)
- Former 76 Station #4446, Rosemead (I-01962A)

- 7-eleven Store #33459, Commerce (R-42719)
- Arco Station #0185, South Pasadena (R-11148A)
- Former Mobil #18-KYW, Los Angeles (I-06198A)
- Former Unocal/76 Station #2999, Long Beach (908020216A)
- Former Chevron Station No. 9-3117, Carson (R-09895)
- Tune Up Masters, Los Angeles (900040443)
- Arco Station #1602, Long Beach (908080125A)
- Former Shell Service Station, Santa Clarita (I-09059A)

For the case closure sites above, a total of **10,426** tons of impacted soils were excavated and **99,303** pounds of hydrocarbons were removed by soil vapor extraction system. In addition, **211,945** gallons of impacted groundwater were treated.

*Total Maximum Daily Loads
(TMDLs)*

Santa Monicay Bay Near Shore and Off Shore Marine Debris TMDL

Stefanie Hada

On March 23, 2010, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) held a CEQA Scoping workshop at the Hyperion Treatment Plant in El Segundo, California for the Santa Monica Bay Near Shore and Off Shore Marine Debris TMDL. The CEQA Scoping meeting was publicly noticed in the Los Angeles Times and through the Regional Board's electronic notice lists.

The Santa Monica Bay Marine Debris TMDL will address land based sources of trash and plastic pellets, and marine based sources of trash. Staff discussed the regulatory background, elements of the TMDL, trash and plastic pellet impairment of the Santa Monica Bay, and possible implementation measures and their respective impacts. Staff noted key stakeholder concerns regarding the regulatory mechanism that will be used to implement the TMDL, compliance measures with the TMDL, the way in which marinas will be regulated, and the current fiscal hardships of responsible parties.

Proposed Basin Plan Amendment to Update the Bacteria Objectives for Freshwaters Designated for Water Contact Recreation

Ginachi Amah

On April 19, 2010, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) held a CEQA Scoping workshop at their offices in downtown Los Angeles for the proposed Basin Plan amendment to update the freshwater bacteria objectives for waters designated for water contact recreation by removing the fecal coliform objective. The CEQA Scoping meeting was publicly noticed on April 6, 2010 through the Regional Board's electronic and regular mailing lists.

Updating the freshwater bacteria objectives will maintain consistency with EPA's directive that *E. coli* replace fecal coliform as the indicator of the presence of pathogens in fresh water, and remove unnecessary permitting and monitoring requirements that arise from having objectives for both indicators. This action will result in having *E. coli* as the sole bacterial indicator to assess and regulate the quality of fresh waters used for water contact recreation (REC-1).

At the Scoping meeting Staff discussed the applicable CEQA regulatory background along with elements of

the proposed action. There are no implementations measures required by the proposed action. Nevertheless, Staff solicited stakeholder input regarding any foreseeable adverse environmental impacts of removing the fecal coliform objectives for freshwaters designated for water contact recreation. Interested persons will have further opportunity to comment on the proposed action upon the release of the staff report, CEQA analysis, and accompanying documents later this month.

Selection of Basin Planning Projects for the 2008-10 Triennial Review Period

Ginachi Amah

On April 1, 2010, the Regional Board held a public hearing at the offices of the Metropolitan Water District in downtown Los Angeles for the purpose of selecting projects to be addressed by staff during the 2008-2010 Triennial Review period. This public hearing was noticed in the Los Angeles Times and the Ventura County Star, as well as through the Regional Board's electronic and regular mailing lists, allowing a 45-day public comment period in advance of the hearing. In making its selection at this hearing, the Board considered issues of concern to stakeholders and Regional Board staff as well as resources available to the Basin Planning Program.

The selected projects were as follows:

- Re-evaluate how bacteria water quality objectives should be applied in compliance determination, based on more recent monitoring results;
- Reconsider the application of REC-1 and REC-2 beneficial uses in specific instances, where appropriate;
- Complete an administrative update of the Basin Plan as specified in the Staff Report;
- Complete work on the Design Storm project (should funding become available);
- Continue work on the Hydromodification Policy;
- Provide support to other Regional Board Programs including TMDLs, Municipal Permitting, and Stormwater Permitting; and
- Address legal and regulatory mandates (where required), including assistance in the development of Salt and Nutrient Management Plans per the State Water Board Recycled Water Policy.

Los Angeles River Watershed Bacteria TMDL

Man Voong

On March 10, 2010, Regional Board staff held a CEQA scoping meeting for the Los Angeles River Watershed Bacteria TMDL. Staff and stakeholders discussed the scope and content of the substitute environmental documents supporting a Basin Plan Amendment that would establish a new Bacteria TMDL and implementation plans for the Los Angeles River Watershed.

On April 20, 2010, a draft Staff Report, tentative Board Resolution and Tentative Basin Plan Amendment for the Los Angeles River Watershed Bacteria TMDL were released for public comment. The Staff Report and tentative Basin Plan Amendment were based largely on the work of the City of Los Angeles' sponsored stakeholder group 'Cleaner Rivers Through Effective Stakeholder TMDLs' (CREST). Public comment closes on June 4, 2010 and the item is scheduled to come before the Board at the July, 2010 Board hearing.

Santa Clara River Watershed Bacteria TMDL

Yanchi Chu

On March 2, 2010, Regional Board staff held a CEQA scoping meeting for the Santa Clara River Watershed Bacteria TMDL. Staff and stakeholders discussed the scope and content of the substitute environmental documents supporting a Basin Plan Amendment that would establish a new Bacteria TMDL and implementation plans for the Santa Clara River Watershed. In addition, staff received stakeholder feedback and comments on the proposed TMDL. Staff considered these comments before releasing the TMDL for public comment.

On April 21, 2010, a draft Staff Report, tentative Board Resolution and tentative Basin Plan amendment for the Santa Clara River Watershed Bacteria TMDL were released for public comment. Public comment closes on June 7, 2010 and the item is scheduled to come before the Board at the July, 2010 Board hearing.

Machado Lake Pesticides and PCBs TMDL

Rebecca Veiga Nascimento

On March 14, 2010 Regional Board staff released a draft Staff Report, tentative Board Resolution and tentative Basin Plan amendment for the Machado lake Pesticides and PCBs TMDL. Staff has prepared the proposed TMDL to address the documented pesticide and PCBs impairments in Machado Lake. Public comment closes on June 1, 2010 and the item is scheduled to come before the Board at the July, 2010 Board hearing.

Enforcement Unit

NPDES Facility Inspections

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspector conducted inspections at 7 facilities with NPDES Permits since April 8, 2010 to May 6, 2010. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

Settlement Offers

Settlement Offer NO. R4-2010-0039-M was issued to Golden State Water Company - San Dimas, on March 11, 2010, in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2004-0058, NPDES Permit No. CAG994003 for Centralia Plant. The Permittee has until April 12, 2010 to respond.

Settlement Offer NO. R4-2010-0034-M was issued to Chong H. Lim, on March 16, 2010, in the amount of \$30,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2008-0032, NPDES Permit No. CAG9940004 for Maplewood Apartments. The Permittee has until April 16, 2010 to respond.

Settlement Offer NO. R4-2010-0036-M was issued to San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, on March 16, 2010, in the amount of \$9,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2003-0111, NPDES Permit No. CAG994004 for Former JAB Holdings, Incorporated. The Permittee has until April 16, 2010 to respond

Settlement Offer NO. R4-2010-0037-M was issued to Doheny Partners, LLC, on March 16, 2010, in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2003-0111, NPDES Permit No. CAG994004 for the La Terrasse Condominium Project. The Permittee has until April 16, 2010 to respond.

Settlement Offer NO. R4-2010-0038-M was issued to Jefferson at Marina Del Rey, LP, on March 16, 2010, in the amount of \$9,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2003-0111, NPDES Permit No. CAG994004 for the Jefferson at Marina Del Rey Multifamily Development. The Permittee has until April 16, 2010 to respond.

Settlement Offer NO. R4-2010-0035-M was issued to City of Inglewood, on April 7, 2010, in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2003-0108, NPDES Permit No. CAG994005 for Water Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. The Permittee has until May 10, 2010 to respond.

Settlement Offer NO. R4-2010-0054-M was issued to La Habra Heights County Water District, on April 7, 2010, in the amount of \$15,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2003-0108, NPDES Permit No. CAG994005 for Water Wells Nos. 10 and 11. The Permittee has until May 10, 2010 to respond.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0117-SW was issued to Smucker Fruit Processing Co.(Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 456I005409). On January 7, 2010, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0118-SW was issued to Purepak Inc., (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 456I016405). On January 14, 2010, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0128-SW was issued to Metro Truck Body Inc., on December 17, 2009 on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 419I012498). On January 20, 2010, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0134-SW was issued to Qioptiq Polymer, Inc., (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 419I021391). On February 1, 2010, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0122-SW was issued to A's Match Dyeing (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 419I018647). On. On January 14, 2010, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0120-SW was issued to Preferred Freeze Vitra Freeze (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 419I018990). The payment is due by April 29, 2010.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0134-SW was issued to American Spring, Inc., (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 419I018387). The payment is due by April 29, 2010.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0132-SW was issued to WNA Inc., (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 419I021094). The payment is due by April 29, 2010.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0135-SW was issued to Finish Kare Products, Inc., (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 419I010162). The payment is due by April 29, 2010

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0119-SW was issued to Coastal Metal Finishing LLC (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 456I019779). The payment is due by April 29, 2010.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0131-SW was issued to Liberty Packing & Extruding Inc., (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 419I020339). The payment is due by April 29, 2010.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer NO. R4-2009-0121-SW was issued to Sims Recycling Solutions (Permittee) on March 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No 97-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001, (WDID # 419I021438). The payment is due by April 29, 2010