
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Los Angeles County MS4 Permittees and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON REVISED ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSED BY THE RIO HONDO / SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATER QUALITY GROUP PURSUANT TO PART VI.C.8 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

On April 21, 2016, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) approved the Rio Hondo / San Gabriel River Water Quality Group (Group) Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP).¹

On March 30, 2018, the Group submitted a proposed Revised EWMP for Los Angeles Water Board approval that includes extensive and significant requested modifications to the Group's approved EWMP, including an updated Reasonable Assurance Analysis, changes to watershed control measures, and changes to compliance schedules. Additionally, the proposed Revised EWMP excludes the City of Azusa as a participating Permittee in the group.

Adaptive Management Process

Pursuant to Part VI.C.8.a of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit, Permittees participating in a Watershed Management Program (WMP) or an EWMP are required to implement an adaptive management process every two years from the date of program approval. Based on the results of the adaptive management process, Permittees must report any modifications necessary to improve the effectiveness of the WMP or EWMP, including any requests for modified compliance deadlines and interim milestones, except for those compliance deadlines established in a total maximum daily load (TMDL). The Group's March 30, 2018 submittal is intended to fulfill the requirement to conduct the first adaptive management process.

¹ The group consists of the following Permittees: Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Los Angeles Water Board Consideration of Proposed Revised EWMP

The Los Angeles Water Board will consider approval of the Rio Hondo / San Gabriel River Water Quality Group's proposed Revised EWMP at an upcoming public Board meeting. If the Los Angeles Water Board approves the proposed Revised EWMP, the Group shall implement any modifications upon approval by the Board.²

The Los Angeles Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider approval of the proposed Revised EWMP. Permittees and persons interested in receiving notice of the meeting at which the Los Angeles Water Board will consider approval of the proposed Revised EWMP must subscribe to the Board's "Storm Water – Los Angeles County MS4" e-mail list using the subscription form at the following link:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/resources/email_subscriptions/

Public Review of Proposed Revised EWMP

Concurrent with the review by Los Angeles Water Board staff, the Board is also soliciting public comment on the proposed Revised EWMP pursuant to Part VI.A.5.b of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit. The Revised EWMP document and attachments are available on the Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/water_shed_management/san_gabriel/rio_hondo/index.html

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Rio Hondo / San Gabriel River Water Quality Group Revised EWMP are invited to submit comments electronically as a PDF file to: losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit - Comments on RH/SGR Revised EWMP" with a copy to Chris.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov.

To be evaluated and considered by the Los Angeles Water Board, written comments must be received by the Board by 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2018. Late submittal of written comments will not be accepted or considered.

Please contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway at (213) 620-2150 or Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions regarding this matter.

² Since the Los Angeles Water Board itself, rather than its Executive Officer, will be considering approval of the proposed Revised EWMP, the permit provision in Part VI.C.8.a.iii. stating that Permittees shall implement modifications within 60 days of submittal if the Executive Officer expresses no objections is not applicable for the Rio Hondo / San Gabriel River Water Quality Group's proposed Revised EWMP.