

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**TO:** Los Angeles County MS4 Permittees and Other Interested Persons

**FROM:** Ivar Ridgeway   
Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit Chief

**DATE:** January 24, 2019

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE BEACH CITIES ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO 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 NO. R4-2012-0175-A01)**

On April 18, 2016, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) approved the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group (Beach Cities) Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP).

On December 15, 2018, Beach Cities requested as part of its 2017-2018 Annual Report and Adaptive Management Process, a modification to the Beach Cities EWMP as follows:

- Modify PIPP to better address watershed priorities through direct targeted outreach to residents
- The City of Torrance proposes to add infiltration drywells (or similar) as possible control structures that could be installed as distributed BMPs throughout the City to address the metals WQBELs in the Dominguez Channel Toxics TMDL
- Proposed source tracking study within the drainage areas to Santa Monica Bay Bacteria TMDL shoreline monitoring sites SMB 6-2 and SMB 6-5 to investigate significant wet-weather sources of indicator bacteria and to inform a decision on appropriate source control measures or structural BMPs, if additional are needed
- Revise Category 2 Water Body Pollutant Combinations (WBPCs) to reflect the most recent approved State's 2016 303(d) list by adding mercury and arsenic in the Santa Monica Bay Watershed and removing ammonia in the Dominguez Channel Watershed.

Pursuant to Part VI.A.5.b, the above-referenced document is now available on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed\\_management/beach\\_cities/index.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed_management/beach_cities/index.html)

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Persons wishing to comment on the proposed modification to the Beach Cities EWMP are invited to submit them electronically as a PDF file to: [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit – Comments on Modification to Beach Cities EWMP."

**To be evaluated and considered by the Los Angeles Water Board, all written comments must be received by the Board by 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2019.** Late submittal of written comments will not be allowed. Please contact Ms. Susana Vargas of the Storm Water Permitting Unit by electronic mail at [Susana.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Susana.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 576-6688 with any questions regarding this document. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Chief of the Storm Water Permitting Unit, by electronic mail at [Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2150.