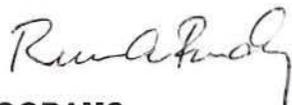


Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**TO:** LA County and Long Beach MS4 Permittees and Interested Persons

**FROM:** Renee A. Purdy   
Section Chief  
**REGIONAL PROGRAMS**

**DATE:** April 28, 2015

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF APPROVAL, WITH CONDITIONS, OF NINE WMPs PURSUANT TO THE LA COUNTY MS4 PERMIT, ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175, INCLUDING THREE WMPs ALSO PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH MS4 PERMIT, ORDER NO. R4-2014-0024

On November 8, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) adopted 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). On February 6, 2014, the Board adopted Order No. R4-2014-0024, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Discharges from the City of Long Beach* (hereafter, Long Beach MS4 Permit).

Part VI.C of the LA County MS4 Permit and Part VII.C of the Long Beach MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to develop a Watershed Management Program (WMP) or an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) to implement permit requirements on a watershed scale through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs). Development of a WMP or EWMP is voluntary and allows a Permittee to address the highest watershed priorities, including complying with the requirements of Part V.A (Receiving Water Limitations), Part VI.E and Attachments L through R (Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions), and by customizing the control measures in Parts III.A (Prohibitions – Non-Storm Water Discharges) and VI.D (Minimum Control Measures), except the Planning and Land Development Program of the LA County MS4 Permit.<sup>1</sup>

A number of Permittees chose to develop WMPs, either on an individual basis or jointly with other Permittees on a watershed scale. Permittees submitted their draft WMPs in June 2014 to the Los Angeles Water Board for review. The Board provided a public review and written comment period on the draft WMPs, and also held a Board workshop on October 9, 2014 providing an opportunity for oral comments. In reviewing and commenting on the draft WMPs, the Board considered all comments received. In response to Board comments, Permittees submitted revised draft WMPs in January 2015.

<sup>1</sup> Equivalent requirements in the Long Beach MS4 Permit are as follows: Part VI.A (Receiving Water Limitations), Part VIII (Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions), Part IV.B (Prohibitions – Non-Storm Water Discharges), and Part VII.D-VII.M (Minimum Control Measures).

The Board also held a public meeting on April 13, 2015 for Permittees and interested persons to discuss the revised draft WMPs with the Board's Executive Officer and staff.

Notice is hereby given that the Los Angeles Water Board's Executive Officer, pursuant to delegated authority in the LA County MS4 Permit and City of Long Beach MS4 Permit, has approved, with conditions, nine WMPs on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board. These WMPs include the following:

- East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Area
- Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Area
- Los Cerritos Channel Watershed<sup>2</sup>
- Lower Los Angeles River Watershed<sup>2</sup>
- Lower San Gabriel River Watershed<sup>2</sup>
- Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Management Area
- Santa Monica Bay Watershed Jurisdictional Group 7 Area within the City of Los Angeles
- City of Walnut
- City of El Monte

The letters approving, with conditions, the WMPs are available on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed\\_management/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed_management/index.shtml)

#### **Review by the State Water Board**

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Los Angeles Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must *receive* the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the Los Angeles Water Board action, except that if the thirtieth day following the action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request.

#### **Review by the Los Angeles Water Board**

Pursuant to Part VI.A.6 of the LA County MS4 Permit, any formal determination or approval made by the Los Angeles Water Board Executive Officer pursuant to the provisions of the LA County MS4 Permit may be reviewed by the Los Angeles Water Board. A permittee or member of the public may request such review upon petition within 30 days of the effective date of the notification of such decision to the permittee(s) and interested persons on file at the Los Angeles Water Board. Please be advised that any petition for review by the Los Angeles Water Board does not extend any deadlines applicable to review by the State Water Board.

cc: Jane Diamond, Director, Water Division, USEPA Region IX  
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<sup>2</sup> Approved with conditions pursuant to both the LA County MS4 Permit and the City of Long Beach MS4 Permit.