
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 26, 2023

Via Email Only

FINAL APPROVAL OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY JURISDICTIONAL GROUP 2 AND 3 GROUP'S WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (WMP) PURSUANT TO THE REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004004; ORDER NO. R4-2021-0105)

Dear Permittees of the Santa Monica Bay Jurisdictional Group 2 and 3 Group¹:

The Regional MS4 Permit (Order No. R4-2021-0105) (Regional MS4 Permit or Order) authorizes discharges from the MS4 operated by 99 municipal Permittees within the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The Regional MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to use a Watershed Management Program (WMP) to implement many of the permit's requirements through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs).

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) approved, with conditions, the Santa Monica Bay Jurisdictional Group 2 and 3 Group's WMP on June 30, 2022. The conditional approval letter directed the Group to submit a final WMP that satisfies conditions 1 through 14 listed in the letter no later than September 30, 2022 and a revised final WMP that satisfies condition 15 no later than December 30, 2022. On September 22, 2022, the Los Angeles Water Board received a letter from the City of Los Angeles, on behalf of the Group, requesting to submit one complete revised WMP satisfying conditions 1 through 15 on October 31, 2022, for a more efficient utilization of staff and consultant resources. On October 4, 2022, the Los Angeles Water Board approved the time extension request and the Group submitted the revised WMP on October 30, 2022. On December 5, 2022, the Los Angeles Water Board requested the Group to make additional minor modifications to the WMP and submit the revised WMP by December 30, 2022. On December 29, 2022, the Group submitted the revised WMP, as directed. On March 23, 2023, the Los Angeles Water Board asked further clarifying questions and subsequently requested the Group to revise the WMP. The final revised WMP was submitted on April 7, 2023.

After review of the Group's final WMP submitted on April 7, 2023, the Los Angeles Water Board has determined that the Group's final WMP satisfies all the conditions identified in the June 30, 2022 conditional approval letter, the December 5, 2022 email

¹ Permittees of the Santa Monica Bay Jurisdictional Group 2 and 3 include the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica, City of El Segundo, and Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

requesting additional minor modifications, and the March 23, 2023 email, which requested additional clarification regarding the WMP. The WMP submitted on April 7, 2023, constitutes the final approved WMP for the Group.

The Group may propose WMP modifications at any time during the term of the Order, as necessary. The Group shall provide a standalone written request explaining the nature of the proposed modification(s) and justification for consideration by the Los Angeles Water Board. Such justification may include the need to align the timing of implementation for a specific project with a project partner that is not regulated by the Regional MS4 Permit.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Angineh Shahnazarian with the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email at Angineh.Shahnazarian@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-6635. Alternatively, you may also contact Ivar Ridgeway, Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit Supervisor by email at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,

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