

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 13, 2015

Permittees of the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Management Group¹
(See Distribution List)

FINAL APPROVED UPPER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP'S COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO ATTACHMENT E, PART IV.B OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

Dear Permittees of the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Management Group:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) has reviewed the final monitoring program submitted on August 31, 2015 by the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Management Group (Group). This monitoring program was submitted pursuant to the provisions of NPDES Permit No. CAS004001 (Order No. R4-2012-0175), which authorizes discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by 86 municipal Permittees within Los Angeles County (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit). The LA County MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to develop and implement a coordinated integrated monitoring program (CIMP) that achieves the five Primary Objectives set forth in Part II.A of Attachment E and includes the elements set forth in Part II.E of Attachment E. These programs must be approved by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board.

On June 19, 2015, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the Group's CIMP. My approval letter directed the Group to submit a final CIMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than August 31, 2015. On August 31, 2015, the Group submitted its final CIMP, as directed.

After review of the Group's final CIMP submitted on August 31, 2015, and a consideration of a comment letter received from NRDC, Los Angeles Waterkeeper and Heal the Bay in response to our "Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Revisions to the Upper San Gabriel River Group's Approved Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program Submitted Pursuant to the Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit," dated September 3, 2015, I have determined that the Group's CIMP satisfies all of the conditions identified in my June 19, 2015 approval letter. The CIMP submitted on August 31, 2015 hereby constitutes the

¹ Permittees of the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Management Group CIMP include the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and the cities of Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, Industry, La Puente, South El Monte, and West Covina.

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final approved CIMP for the Group. Additional direction on requirements for follow-up monitoring when aquatic toxicity is present in downstream receiving waters has been provided in separate correspondence dated August 07, 2015, and must be followed as part of the Group's final approved CIMP.

The Los Angeles Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the Group in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erum Razzak of the Storm Water Permitting Unit by electronic mail at Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2095. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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for

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