

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS' INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

Dear Mr. Cruz and Ms. Schwartz:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received the City of Rolling Hills (City) revised *Non-Storm Water Screening and Monitoring Program* (NSW MP) on September 15, 2014. The NSW MP outlines the non-storm water screening and monitoring requirements that the City will implement individually. If the non-storm water screening identifies outfalls that have been determined to convey significant discharges comprised of either unknown, or conditionally exempt non-essential non-storm water discharges, or continuing discharges attributed to illicit discharges, the monitoring program states that monitoring will be conducted consistent with the requirements outlined in the LA County MS4 Permit Attachment E, Section IX.G. This procedure is also described in Section 4.7 of the Palos Verdes (PV) Peninsula coordinated integrated monitoring program (CIMP), of which the City is a participating agency. Non-storm water monitoring, if required, will be incorporated into the PV Peninsula CIMP Non-Stormwater Monitoring Program.

On October 31, 2014, Regional Water Board staff discussed some minor comments and questions with the City. These included:

1. Retaining language in Section 3.3 Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria TMDL Monitoring, which lists the San Monica Bay shoreline monitoring location and allowable exceedance days downstream of the City;
2. Clarifying the monitoring locations in the Non-Stormwater Screening Program figure;
3. Adding weather observations on the Field Data Sheet and renaming the floatables category to "Floatables/ Settleables;" and
4. Correcting the submittal date of the PV Peninsula CIMP to June 27, 2014.

Based on the conversation, the City agreed to make the above-mentioned minor additions, clarifications and corrections and resubmit the NSW MP.

I hereby conditionally approve the City's NSW monitoring program based on the above-mentioned expected revisions. The Regional Water Board acknowledges that the City has already begun screening for non-storm water discharges. However, please note that according to the LA County MS4 Permit the City is required to commence implementation of the approved monitoring program within 30 days after approval, which equates to December 8, 2014.

The Regional Water Board is implementing a Paperless Office system to reduce our paper use, increase efficiency, and provide a more effective way for our staff, the public and interested parties to view water quality documents in electronic form. To that end, please submit the required monitoring report electronically as a Microsoft Word document or a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov. In addition, an electronic copy of a monitoring report should be sent to Ms. Rebecca Christmann.

The Regional Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the City of Rolling Hills in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150 or Rebecca Christmann at Rebecca.Christmann@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-5734.

Sincerely,


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