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APPROVAL OF NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP AN 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)

Dear Permittees participating in the Rio Hondo-San Gabriel River Watershed EWMP Group:

In a letter dated October 23, 2013, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board or Board) provided its review of the Rio Hondo-San Gabriel River Watershed notification of intent (NOI) to develop an enhanced watershed management program (EWMP). As part of their NOI, permittees pursuing an EWMP are required to identify, and commit to fully implement by June 28, 2015, a structural best management practice (BMP) or suite of BMPs at a scale that provides meaningful water quality improvement within each watershed covered by the EWMP. The structural BMP(s) must be in addition to BMPs that are required to meet interim or final trash TMDL effluent limitations or other final effluent limitations applicable in the watershed with deadlines prior to April 28, 2016. The suite of BMPs identified in the NOI are subject to Executive Officer approval. The NOI identified the Monrovia Station Square/Transit Village Multi-Benefit Park and Greenway project, and the Metro Gold Line Infiltration project as the suite of BMPs to meet the above mentioned requirement.

Board staff reviewed the NOI for compliance with all notification requirements of Part VI.C of Order No. R4-2012-0175 and has determined that all the notification requirements, of Part VI.C of Order No. R4-2012-0175, have been met.

Pursuant to section VI.C.4.b.iii.(5) of the Order, the proposed suite of BMPs are subject to approval by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. The City of Monrovia plans to implement the Monrovia Station Square/Transit Village Multi-Benefit Park and Greenway project treating an estimated 2.5-acre drainage area. Implementation of the Monrovia Station Square/Transit Village Multi-Benefit Park and Greenway BMPs seeks to reduce bacteria, metals, nutrients, and sediments among other pollutants discharging in storm water runoff to Sawpit Wash and Peck Road Water Conservation Park, which are tributaries to the Rio Hondo and Los Angeles River. The City of Azusa in coordination with the Foothill Construction Authority for the Gold Line Project plans to implement the Metro Gold Line Infiltration project treating an estimated 17-acre drainage area. Implementation of the Metro Gold Line Infiltration BMPs seeks to reduce bacteria, metals, and nutrients discharging in storm water runoff to the San Gabriel River.

The estimated completion date for the Monrovia Station Square/Transit Village Multi-Benefit Park and Greenway project is Spring 2015; and the estimated completion date for Metro Gold Line Infiltration project is Spring 2015. The City of Monrovia's proposed Monrovia Station Square/Transit Village

Multi-Benefit Park and Greenway project; and the City of Azusa's and Foothill Construction Authority's proposed Metro Gold Line Infiltration project are approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer.

The work plan for development of the Rio Hondo-San Gabriel River Watershed EWMP Group is due by June 28, 2014. Please submit the work plan to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit – Enhanced Watershed Management Program Work Plan" with copies to Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov and Tracy.Woods@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at (213) 620-2150 or Ms. Tracy Woods at (213) 620-2095.

Sincerely,

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