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And

Directors of Public Works/City Engineers
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TRANSMITTAL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL STORM WATER NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT AS AMENDED BY REGIONAL BOARD ORDER R4-2007-0042 ON AUGUST 9, 2007 (BOARD ORDER 01-182; NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001)

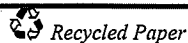
Dear Mr. Wolfe, Directors of Public Works, and City Engineers:

We are pleased to transmit to you a copy of the municipal storm water permit for the County of Los Angeles (LA Storm Water Permit) that was amended by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LA Water Board) at its meeting on August 9, 2007 pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code. Board Order 01-182 (as amended by Board Orders R4-2006-0074 and R4-2007-0042) serves as the permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for storm water discharges and urban runoff within the County of Los Angeles.

The LA Water Board reopened the LA Storm Water Permit to incorporate the Marina del Rey Harbor Mothers' Beach and Back Basins Bacteria (MDR Bacteria) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Waste Load Allocations (WLAs) for summer dry weather discharges from the MS4 to Marina del Rey Harbor (MDRH). The LA Water Board adopted the MDR Bacteria TMDL in 2003 (Resolution No. 2003-012). This TMDL was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (Resolution No. 2003-0072), Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency and became effective on March 18, 2004. This TMDL required compliance with the summer dry weather WLAs and winter dry weather WLAs by March 18, 2007.

The MDR Bacteria summer dry weather WLAs were incorporated as Receiving Water Limitations along with a supporting prohibition on discharges from the MS4 to MDRH that are inconsistent with the limits. The LA Storm Water Permit already prohibits discharges that cause or contribute to the exceedance of water quality standards. The proposed changes make more

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specific the permit provisions as they relate to discharges of bacteria that could impact Mothers' Beach and the back basins (Basins D, E, and F) of Marina del Rey Harbor during summer dry weather. The changes affect the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the Cities of Los Angeles and Culver City.

For your use and public dissemination, an electronic copy of the current LA Storm Water Permit may be downloaded from our website at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/programs/stormwater/lams4.html>

We would greatly appreciate your staff directing others to the website for further information on storm water management updates as necessary.

We thank you and your staff for the assistance with developing language that recognizes the ongoing work of the County and the Cities toward improving water quality in Marina del Rey, while also strengthening public health protection for the hundreds of thousands of people who live in and visit Marina del Rey. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Pestrella who proactively sought to work with me on this issue, as well as the broader issue of our partnership in addressing water quality issues.

Should you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to call me directly at (213) 576-6609. Alternatively, your staff may contact Carlos Urrunaga at (213) 620-2083.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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