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VIA EMAIL

**APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP'S ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART VI .C.8 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175 AS AMENDED BY STATE WATER BOARD ORDER WQ 2015-0075 AND LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD ORDER R4-2012-0175-A01)**

Dear Permittees of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group<sup>1</sup>:

On December 14, 2017, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) received a request from the cities of Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, and Rolling Hills Estates (Cities). The Cities requested to revise the interim milestones for the Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL (SMB Debris TMDL) in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Enhanced Watershed Management Program (PVP EWMP). In addition, the City of Rolling Hills Estates requested a revision to the PVP EWMP to include their revised trash monitoring and reporting plan, which the Los Angeles Water Board approved per the SMB Debris TMDL on January 20, 2017.

On October 1, 2017, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group (PVP Group) received a Prop 84 Clean Beaches/Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant to fund approximately 60% of the cost of installing full capture devices throughout the PVP Watershed Management

<sup>1</sup> Permittees of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group include the cities of Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Area with the balance of the cost to be funded by the Cities. The Cities are requesting to substitute the interim trash percent reduction required by March 20, 2018 and 2019, with the following alternative interim compliance milestones:

1. Execution of a memorandum of understanding between the Cities for the implementation and cost-sharing of the Prop 84 Santa Monica Bay Restoration/Clean Beaches Santa Monica Bay Catch Basin Insert Project by August 20, 2018; and
2. Installation of 50% of the full capture systems by August 20, 2019.

On December 20, 2017, the Los Angeles Water Board provided public notice and a 31-day period to allow for public review and comment on the proposed modifications to the EWMP. No comments were received during the review period.

This letter serves as notification to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group (PVP WMG) that the Los Angeles Water Board Executive Officer approves the proposed modifications to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group's EWMP. Note that this approval only modifies the interim compliance milestones of the SMB Debris TMDL for the MS4 Permittees in the PV Peninsula WMG. The MS4 Permittees are still required to comply with the final water quality-based effluent limitations of the SMB Debris TMDL as listed in Attachment M, Part B of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit by March 20, 2020, pursuant to Part VI.E.5.

In addition to the date changes in Table 5-2 and the revised language in Section 3.2.1, the two alternative interim compliance milestone actions must be listed in the revised EWMP (e.g. Table 5-3). Please revise your EWMP accordingly and submit a copy of the entire revised EWMP to the Board by **March 14, 2018**.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Christmann of the Storm Water Permitting Unit at [Rebecca.Christmann@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Christmann@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 576-5734. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Chief of the Storm Water Permitting Unit, at [Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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