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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 Upper 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 Upper 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 Avocado Heights Multiuse Trail 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 Unincorporated County of Los Angeles plans to implement the Avocado Heights Multiuse Trail project treating an estimated 175 acre drainage area. Implementation of the Avocado Heights Multiuse Trail BMPs seeks to reduce coliform bacteria, selenium, total dissolved solids, toxicity, and ammonia discharging to San Jose Creek, which is a tributary of the San Gabriel River.

The estimated completion date for the Avocado Heights Multiuse Trail project is April 2014. The Unincorporated County of Los Angeles' proposed Avocado Heights Multiuse Trail project is approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer.

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The work plan for development of the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed EWMP Group is due by June 28, 2014. Please submit the work plan to [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto: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](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov) and [Tracy.Woods@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tracy.Woods@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Sincerely,



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