



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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### POST-CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER CONTROLS AT LAUSD CONSTRUCTION SITES

Dear Mr. Kendall:

I would like to thank you, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) staff and consultants for meeting with me and my staff on August 30, 2006. At the meeting, a number of important issues were discussed and a framework for determining LAUSD's inclusion of post construction best management practices was laid out. Below are summarized the most important points of understanding and agreements between the LAUSD and Regional Board staff:

1. Regional Board staff had stated that due to limited resources, designation of school districts, including LAUSD and others, in a small municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit may not be feasible in the foreseeable future. However, LAUSD indicated that funds may be available, and the Regional Board will explore options in order to accept funding.
2. LAUSD staff will submit to Regional Board staff a report containing information on phase 1 school sites (those in active construction, bid, or completed) and phases 2,3, and 4 (those slated for future design and construction). The information will list, among other things, name and address of school/construction site, size, percent pervious area (phase 1), site-specific post-construction best management practices (BMPs), if any and other pertinent information. This report will be provided to our office by September 22, 2006.
3. Pending the receipt of the information requested above, and the commitment of LAUSD in this effort, Regional Board staff will place on hold Notices of Violation pending completion of technical discussions between LAUSD and Regional Board staff regarding post construction BMPs.

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4. For phase 1 construction sites, since the applicability of site-specific BMPs may be impractical in some cases, LAUSD staff will consider regional BMPs to protect water quality of our water bodies, and to collaborate in efforts to control hydromodification in our watersheds. To that effect, Regional Board staff shall send watershed maps to LAUSD staff to help them in the planning and execution of the aforementioned tasks.

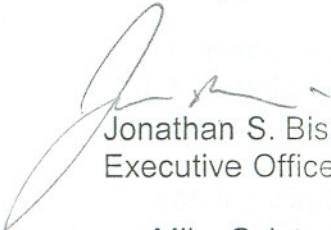
5. For phases II-IV projects, LAUSD staff will incorporate site-specific post-construction stormwater control BMPs, as determined during subsequent technical discussions between LAUSD and Regional Board staff, during the early phases of the design period. At those sites where placement of site-specific BMPs might be impractical due to space limitation or other factors, LAUSD staff shall consider integrating the control plan at a regional level.

6. While endeavoring to meet the stormwater control requirement, LAUSD staff will also integrate the reduction of trash (and other pollutants) at their sites, consistent with the goal of selecting BMPs that are appropriate given the impairments of the receiving waters.

7. In order to work out the technical details of site-specific post-construction stormwater control BMPs and regional BMPs, we are proposing a meeting of technical staff from both agencies the week of October 2, 2006 at our office.

Both LAUSD and the Regional Board are engaged in the protection of the public's interest, and we are encouraged by the spirit of cooperation conveyed during our meeting. If you have any questions regarding any of these, please call Ejigu Solomon of my staff at (213) 620-2237.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

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Ken Susilo, GeoSyntech  
Albert Leung, LAUSD  
Richard Luke, LAUSD  
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### STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COLLEGES

Dear Mr. Thorman:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is the agency with jurisdiction for water quality protection in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Federal and State regulation mandate storm water control measures at facilities including school districts and colleges.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, Water Quality Order No. 99-08-DWQ is a General Permit that regulates discharges associated with construction projects which disturb one acre or greater.

Within the last two months, the Regional Board has issued letters to about 35 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District requesting information regarding post construction storm water control for their construction projects. The letters gave them one month to provide the requested post construction storm water control information, however, almost all schools failed to provide the required information by the due date.

The Division of the State Architect (DSA) acts as California's policy leader for building design and construction, and provides design and construction oversight for K-12 schools and community colleges. As such, we understand that schools submit their building plans to your office.

Clearly, there is a gap in including post construction storm water controls in the plans submitted to your office, and we hope your office will immediately take corrective actions to ensure that the school districts come into compliance. This may be done by hiring a storm water plan reviewer if such expertise is currently unavailable, or by appropriate training of your existing staff to

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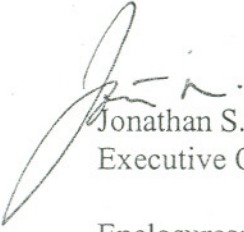
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verify inclusion of post construction storm water pollutant controls in plans submitted by schools and colleges.

In conclusion, we appreciate your cooperation and efforts to work together with us in protecting the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ejigu Solomon at (213) 620-2237.

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Enclosures: Letter dated January 23, 2006 sent to LAUSD  
Sample letter sent to about 35 LAUSD schools requesting post construction info.

cc: Angelo Bellomo: Environmental Director, LAUSD

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