

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 16, 2014

Ms. Gail Farber, Director of Public Works
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Ave. 2nd Floor
Alhambra, CA 91803

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CLAIM NO: 7010 3090 0002 1022 0403

APPROVAL OF SITE MITIGATION CONSTRUCTION EXTENSION REQUEST –

- ZUMA BEACH RESTROOM STATION #7, 30180 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, MALIBU, CA, 90625, (ORDER NO. 97-010-DWQ, CI-8548, FILE NO. 02-204, GLOBAL ID WDR 100001766)
- ZUMA BEACH RESTROOM STATION #8, 30300 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, MALIBU, CA, 90625, (ORDER NO. 97-010-DWQ, CI-8549, FILE NO. 02-205, GLOBAL ID WDR 100001767)
- ZUMA BEACH RESTROOM STATION #9, 30490 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, MALIBU, CA, 90625, (ORDER NO. 97-010-DWQ, CI-8550, FILE NO. 02-206, GLOBAL ID WDR 100001768)

Dear Ms. Farber:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including the referenced properties above.

On May 20, 2013, the Regional Board approved the Site Mitigation Plan developed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (Permittee) for Zuma Beach Restroom/Dressing Station Nos. 7, 8, and 9 and required the upgraded system to be in full operation by January 31, 2014.

On April 7, 2014, you requested an extension to December 2014 due to the following reasons:


1. The delay in obtaining the Coastal Development Permit issued by the City of Malibu Coastal Development Commission due to difficulty in locating a suitable area for absorption fields;
2. Additional time needed, following project plan approvals, for the construction contract bid process, procurement of materials, and mobilization;
3. The advisory from the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors that construction at the beach restrooms should not continue after the Memorial Day holiday (May 26) so as not to interfere with the use of the beach during the summer season; and,
4. The construction begun in September 2014 to avoid summer season conflicts.

Based on the review of the City of Malibu's permitting schedule and additional time needed for construction and testing, the upgraded onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) must be in full operation by **December 31, 2014**. Upon completion of the proposed upgrades, the Permittee shall provide assurance on the effectiveness of the new system. Should the new system fail to function and/or treat the discharge to meet WDRs, it is the Permittee's responsibility to bring the discharge back to full compliance. During the construction to upgrade the OWTS, the existing permit, Order No. 97-10-DWQ, remains in effect, and you are NOT exempt from any requirements, effluent limits, and receiving water limits specified in the permit. Additionally, the Permit shall continue to fulfill the conditions required and specified in the previous approval letter dated May 20, 2013 as follows:

1. Station Nos. 7, 8, and 9 are located at the coastal area and approximately 200 to 400 feet to the Pacific Ocean. Based on the results of four quarterly monitoring data collected from January 2011 to December 2011, the groundwater beneath all Stations is subject to the ocean tidal influence. The groundwater beneath all Stations and their adjacency are not assigned with beneficial uses. Therefore, the Pacific Ocean is the receiving water with the receiving water limits in the California Ocean Plan, including daily maximum 2.4 milligram/liter for ammonia.
2. The Permittee is required to continuously monitor nutrients including nitrate, nitrite, and ammonia at the groundwater monitoring wells, as specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Programs.
3. Submit a progress report summarizing the efforts taken by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and the progress to date and the activities conducted and planned. The progress report along with the regular quarterly monitoring report, specified in Section I.A. of CI Nos. 8548 to 8550, shall be received by the Regional Board.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager, Dr. Don Tsai at (213) 620-2264 (dtsai@waterboards.ca.gov), or the Chief of Groundwater Permitting Unit, Dr. Eric Wu at (213) 576-6683 (ewu@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,


Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

Cc: Cathy Goldsberry, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
Andrew Shelton, City of Malibu