



Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program

Participating Agencies

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Camarillo

County of Ventura

Fillmore

Moorpark

Ojai

Oxnard

Port Hueneme

San Buenaventura

Santa Paula

Simi Valley

Thousand Oaks

Ventura County
Watershed Protection
District

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
ATTN: Man Voong
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Subject: Comment Letter – Off-cycle Revisions to the Los Angeles Region 303(d) list

Dear Man Voong:

On behalf of the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program (Program), which includes the Watershed Protection District, the County of Ventura and the incorporated cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks, we thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed off-cycle revisions to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies in the Los Angeles Region [hereinafter referred to as 303(d) list].

Based on the results of the Los Angeles Water Board staff's data assessment, the Program supports the Los Angeles Water Board staff's recommendations to remove the indicator bacteria impairments from the 303(d) list for the following beaches in Ventura County: Ormond Beach, Peninsula Beach, Point Mugu Beach, Port Hueneme Beach Park, Rincon Parkway Beach, San Buenaventura Beach, and Surfer's Point at Seaside. The Program additionally supports the Los Angeles Water Board staff's recommendation to not place Promenade Park Beach on the 303(d) list for indicator bacteria.

In addition, the Program also supports the separate comment letters regarding the proposed listing changes submitted by the City of Ventura dated February 21, 2019, and submitted by the County of Ventura, City of Oxnard, and City of Port Hueneme, dated February 25, 2019.



The Program respects the Los Angeles Water Board staff's analysis to accurately characterize beach conditions by evaluating recent water quality data in addition to the underlying data used in the original 303(d) listings. The inclusion of weekly bacteria data collected by the Ventura County Environmental Health Division (VCEHD) provides a more complete, up-to-date representation of indicator bacteria conditions at Ventura County Beaches.

Weekly bacteria monitoring will continue to be performed by VCEHD for compliance with AB411 regulations. Results and trends from this weekly monitoring allow the Program to identify and direct our programs to address any changes in the water quality at our beaches in a proactive manner. Additionally, per Ventura County's NPDES Permit No. CAS004002 (Order R4-2010-0108), if funding from state and federal sources is not available for VCEHD to perform beach water quality monitoring, the Program is required to conduct weekly year-round sampling and analysis at 10 locations including San Buenaventura Beach, Surfers Point at Seaside and Promenade Park. The Program is committed to continuing to implement stormwater quality programs countywide to protect the recreational beneficial use at Ventura County Beaches.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at Arne.Anselm@ventura.org or (805) 654-3942.

Sincerely,



Arne Anselm, Chair

On Behalf of the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Management Committee

CC: LB Nye, California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Los Angeles Region
Ventura County Stormwater Quality Management Committee
Glenn Shephard, Director – Ventura County Watershed Protection District