

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 25, 2022

Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Group¹

Via Email

STATUS OF COMPLIANCE DEMONSTRATION SUBMITTED BY JUNE 30, 2021 PER THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ORDER WQ 2020-0038; NOTICE OF CONTINUED DEEMED COMPLIANCE STATUS

Dear Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Group:

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order WQ 2020-0038 (2020 SB Order) directed Permittees to submit documentation by June 30, 2021, demonstrating that all work associated with current and prior milestones had been completed to retain deemed compliance with the receiving water limitations, water quality-based effluent limitations, and other TMDL-specific limitations addressed by the Watershed Management Program (WMP) or Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP).² The following water body-pollutant combinations are those that are eligible for deemed compliance in the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel WMP:

Metals, Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, toxics, and indicator bacteria

On May 26, 2021, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) issued a letter via email to all Permittees participating in WMPs and EWMPs with direction on how to submit the aforementioned information.³

The Los Angeles Water Board reviewed the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Group's (AB/LCC Group) document(s) submitted on June 29, 2021,⁴ to assess the AB/LCC Group's demonstration of completion of all work associated with current and prior

¹ (Permittees of the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Group include the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Flood Control District.)

² (2020 SB Order, at p. 167 available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2020/wqo2020_0038.pdf [as of August 31, 2021].)

³ (Letter from Executive Officer Renee Purdy, Los Angeles Water Board, to Los Angeles County MS4 Permittees Participating in WMPs and EWMPs (May 26, 2021), at p. 2.)

⁴ (Revised Draft Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Final Watershed Management Program and corresponding document(s) [demonstration of compliance letter], June 30, 2021.)

milestones according to the requirements set forth by the 2020 SB Order and to determine the AB/LCC Group’s deemed compliance status.

The Los Angeles Water Board’s conditional approval of the AB/LCC WMP, dated April 28, 2015, outlined the actions and milestones that the AB/LCC Group needed to complete to maintain deemed compliance status. The tasks listed in Table 1 have been identified as past due obligations and milestones occurring after WMP approval that should have been completed prior to June 30, 2021.⁵

Table 1: AB/LCC Group Required Actions

Required Actions	Implementation Update
<p>Implementation of the following nonstructural controls to mitigate 0.16 acre-feet by September 30, 2017, per Table 9 and Section 6.3.6 of the May 2021 AB/LCC WMP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Impact Development Ordinance • Enhanced Street Sweeping • Full Capture Devices • Increased Catch Basin Cleanout 	<p>This task was met. The following updates were obtained from the AB/LCC Group’s demonstration of compliance letter, dated June 30, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Impact Development Ordinance - adopted by County Board of Supervisors in November 2013. • Enhanced Street Sweeping - swept once a week using a vacuum sweeper as opposed to mechanical broom sweepers. • Full Capture Devices - installed in all catch basins in AB/LCC area in 2016. • Increased Catch Basin Cleanout – bi-monthly inspection during storm season and one inspection during-dry season. Cleanout will be performed based on inspection. <p>The Group further states that with the implementation of these BMPs, monitoring data has indicated that water quality has improved and would translate</p>

⁵ (On June 17, 2020, the AB/LCC Group requested a time extension to extend the interim WMP milestones for September 2020 and September 2023 to September 2026 to proceed with the planned green street project. The extension request was approved by the Los Angeles Water Board on April 27, 2021, which would allow the County to plan, design, and construct the project with a BMP volume capacity of 1.62 acre-feet to meet the final target by September 2026. The approved revised WMP was dated May 3, 2021. [May 2021 AB/LCC WMP])

	to 0.21 acre-feet of stormwater addressed.
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Based on the Los Angeles Water Board's review of the AB/LCC Group's document(s) submitted, the AB/LCC Group completed the tasks necessary to demonstrate compliance with all milestones in its EWMP that were required to be completed after EWMP approval and prior to June 30, 2021, as required by the 2020 SB Order.

Therefore, the AB/LCC Group has maintained deemed compliance status for the water body-pollutant combinations addressed by the WMP until June 30, 2022, while its existing or revised WMP undergoes review by the Los Angeles Water Board for consistency with the 2020 SB Order and the 2021 Regional MS4 Permit. To maintain deemed compliance status during this review period, the Group must continue to implement its existing WMP. After the WMP review period concludes (no later than June 30, 2022), the Group will only be allowed to maintain deemed compliance status if it is implementing an approved WMP that satisfies the requirements in the 2020 SB Order and the 2021 Regional MS4 Permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Susana Vargas of the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email at Susana.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit Supervisor by email at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer