



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: MS4 Permittees in the Los Angeles Region and Other Interested Persons

FROM: Renee Purdy
Executive Officer

DATE: October 6, 2020

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE TENTATIVE REGIONAL PHASE I MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004004, ORDER NO. R4-20XX-XXXX)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) has received several letters as well as some comments during the September 10th board meeting, requesting that the 60-day comment period for the Tentative Regional Phase I MS4 Permit be extended. The Los Angeles Water Board remains committed to an open and transparent permit adoption process as evidenced by the many board items, workshops and listening sessions that it has held regarding the development of this permit. The Board also recognizes the overlap with the public comment period for the State Water Resources Control Board's Second Proposed Order on Watershed Management Programs (WMPs). Considering this and the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Los Angeles Water Board is extending the comment period deadline of October 23, 2020 for an additional 45 days to **December 7, 2020**.

The extension provides ample opportunity for Permittees and other stakeholders to provide thoughtful input on the Tentative Regional Phase I MS4 Permit, and builds upon previous opportunities for input, including the opportunity to submit written comments on the working proposal, which was released in December 2019, and to provide comments during the numerous workshops and board items relating to the development of this permit.

The Tentative Regional Phase I MS4 Permit is available under "Regional Permit (*in development*)" on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/index.html

Persons wishing to comment on the Tentative Regional Phase I MS4 Permit, are invited to submit comments in writing for the Los Angeles Water Board to consider. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles Water Board staff is primarily telecommuting. The Board therefore requests that, whenever feasible, persons wishing to comment on the Tentative Regional Phase I MS4 Permit submit comments electronically as a PDF file to: MS4StormwaterRB4@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "Comments on the Tentative Regional MS4 Permit." Comments that are not provided electronically will still be accepted provided they are postmarked by the comment deadline.

IRMA MUÑOZ, CHAIR | RENEE PURDY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To be evaluated and considered by staff and the Los Angeles Water Board, all written comments must be received by the Board no later than 5:00 pm on December 7, 2020. Late submittal of written comments will not be allowed. Please contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions.