

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: MS4 Permittees and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BOARD'S PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAMS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001, CI-6948) AND THE CITY OF LONG BEACH MS4 PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004003, CI-8052)

On November 8, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) adopted Order No. R4-2012-0175, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, except those Discharges Originating from the City of Long Beach* (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit). Subsequently, on February 6, 2014, the Board adopted Order No. R4-2014-0024, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Discharges from the City of Long Beach* (hereafter, Long Beach MS4 Permit).

For consistency with the Board's Resolution No. R10-005, which removes the water quality objective for fecal coliform in freshwaters designated for water contact recreation (REC-1) and limited water contact recreation (LREC-1), the Board proposes the removal of fecal coliform from the monitoring requirements for freshwaters contained in Attachment E, Table E-2 of both the LA County MS4 Permit and the Long Beach MS4 Permit unless otherwise required by a TMDL.¹ As required in Attachment E, Table E-2, Permittees shall continue to monitor for E. coli in freshwaters.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed modification to the MRPs are invited to submit them electronically as a PDF file to: losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "LA County and Long Beach MS4 Permit Bacteria Modifications to the MRPs."

To be evaluated and considered by the Los Angeles Water Board, all written comments must be received by the Board by 5:00 p.m. on June 25, 2018. Late submittal of written

¹ Permittees draining to the uppermost reach of Ballona Creek, i.e., Reach 1 as shown in Figure 2-6 of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan), shall continue to monitor for fecal coliform, since the REC-1 bacteria objectives do not apply to this reach. Instead, the fecal coliform water quality objectives to protect the REC-2 use of Reach 1 apply. Chapter 3 of the Basin Plan, p. 3-23:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/electronics_documents/Final%20Chapter%203%20Text.pdf.

comments will not be allowed. Please contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway at (213) 620-2150 or Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions regarding these documents.