
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Los Angeles Region Phase I MS4 Permittees and Interested Persons

FROM: Ivar Ridgeway
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DATE: May 12, 2025

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY COASTAL WATERSHEDS COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD REGIONAL PHASE I MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT No. CAS004004; ORDER No. R4-2021-0105)**

The North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds Watershed Management Group¹ (Group) implements North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds (NSMBCW) Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) under the Regional Phase I MS4 Permit, Order No. R4-2021-0105.

The NSMBCW CIMP was approved on April 30, 2024. On May 7, 2025, the City of Malibu submitted a letter on behalf of the Group to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) requesting modification to the NSMBCW CIMP. To reduce duplicative monitoring for Benthic Community Effects in Malibu Creek; the Group intends to relocate the Malibu Creek receiving water monitoring location (NSMBCW-RW2) to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Tapia Water Reclamation facility receiving water monitoring location (RSW-MC004D). The Group noted the receiving water monitoring location in Malibu Lagoon (NSMBCW-RW2L) is adjacent to the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) receiving monitoring location (EMPA/BIGHT Station 2) and the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Tapia Water Reclamation facility receiving water monitoring location (RSW-MC011D). Accordingly, the Group proposes to coordinate and rely on these existing monitoring programs for the Benthic Community Effects receiving water monitoring in Malibu Lagoon.

¹ Permittees of the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds Group include the City of Malibu, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

DAVID NAHAI, CHAIR | SUSANA ARREDONDO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PUBLIC REVIEW

Pursuant to Part VI.E.2. of the Regional Phase I MS4 Permit, the modification request submitted by the Group is available for a 30-day public comment period on the Los Angeles Water Board's FTP site in the "Public Notices" folder by using the following website and log-in credentials:

<https://ftp.waterboards.ca.gov/>

Username: rb4_ms4

Password: a9u1sN

Note, the proposed CIMP language as written in the group's modification request has not been approved and does not reflect the Regional Board's approval of the proposed language. Persons wishing to comment on Group's CIMP modifications are invited to submit them electronically as a PDF file to MS4StormwaterRB4@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "Comments on NSMBCW CIMP Modifications" with a copy to Jessica Pearson at Jessica.Pearson@waterboards.ca.gov.

To be evaluated and considered by the Los Angeles Water Board, all written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on **June 11, 2025**. Late submittal of written comments will not be considered.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Jessica Pearson with the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email at Jessica.Pearson@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-6786. Alternatively, you may also contact Ivar Ridgeway, Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit Supervisor by email at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.