



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO APPROVED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS PROPOSED BY PERMITTEES DURING THEIR ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROCESS PURSUANT TO PART IX.E OF THE REGIONAL PHASE I MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004004; ORDER NO. 2021-0105)

Pursuant to Part IX.E of the Los Angeles Regional Phase I MS4 Permit (Order), Permittees were required to implement an adaptive management process (AMP) for each approved Watershed Management Program (WMP). The results of the AMP were required to be submitted concurrently with the Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) by March 16, 2026. Based on the results of the AMP, Permittees had the option to propose WMP modifications necessary to improve the effectiveness of the WMP, including but not limited to new compliance deadlines and interim requirements, with the exception of those final compliance deadlines established in a TMDL, and new or substitute watershed control measures.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) issued a memo on October 23, 2025, providing guidance for the submittal of the ROWD and AMP results. Considering some overlapping requirements of the ROWD and AMP, Permittees were provided with the flexibility to submit their reports as separate or combined files.

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The Los Angeles Water Board received results for 24 AMPs by March 16, 2026 and the results for the City of Walnut's AMP on April 9, 2026. Permittees have identified the following modifications to 8 approved WMPs:

1. Ballona Creek WMPⁱ [Whole document]: Proposes BMP modifications.
2. Beach Cities WMPⁱⁱ [Section 5.3.1]: Proposes to update water quality priorities for Dominguez Channel.
3. Los Cerritos Channel WMPⁱⁱⁱ [Attachment 2-Attachment 4]: Proposes to revise the implementation schedule.
4. Machado Lake WMP^{iv} [Section 2.10]: Proposes to update the description and implementation schedule for the Torrance Airport Project and modify the Trash TMDL section.
5. Marina del Rey WMP^v [Section 5, Attachment E]: Proposes a new structural BMP, revisions to the implementation schedule, and updates to water quality priorities.
6. Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River WMP^{vi} [Whole document]: Proposes a new compliance strategy due to an updated Reasonable Assurance Analysis.
7. Upper Santa Clara River WMP^{vii} [Section 3]: Proposes to modify interim milestones.
8. Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program (VCSQMP)^{viii} [Section 5.3]: Proposes a BMP modification.
9. Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) [Section 4, Section 6]: Confirms that they will continue to collaborate with their partner cities in the implementation of the WMPs.

The Los Angeles Water Board is currently reviewing these proposed WMP modifications. Concurrently, the Board is also soliciting public comment for 30 days on the proposed modifications to the approved WMPs, pursuant to Part VI.E of the Order.

The WMP modification request documents and supporting information are available for the 30-day public comment period on the Los Angeles Water Board's FTP site in the "Public Notices" folder. Documents can be accessed by using the following website and log-in credentials:

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

Username: rb4_ms4

Password: a9u1sN

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed modifications to the approved WMPs are invited to submit electronic comments as a PDF file **by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2026. Late submittal of written comments will not be accepted or considered.** Comments should be submitted to the Los Angeles Water Board by emailing the following address with the indicated subject line:

Email: MS4StormwaterRB4@waterboards.ca.gov

Subject line: "Comments on Proposed WMP Modifications"

Please note the Los Angeles Water Board is only soliciting public comments on the proposed WMP modification requests. The Board is not soliciting comments on the ROWDs or any other results reported by Permittees from their AMP.

ⁱ Permittees of the Ballona Creek WMP include the County of Los Angeles, LACFCD, and the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Inglewood, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood.

ⁱⁱ Permittees of the Beach Cities WMP include the Cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, and LACFCD.

ⁱⁱⁱ Permittees of the Los Cerritos Channel WMP include the LCFCD and the Cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount, and Signal Hill.

^{iv} Permittees of the Machado Lake WMP include the City of Torrance.

^v Permittees of the Marina del Rey WMP include the Cities of Los Angeles and Culver City, the County of Los Angeles, and the LACFCD.

^{vi} Permittees of the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River WMP include the Cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre, the County of Los Angeles, and the LACFCD.

^{vii} Permittees of the Upper Santa Clara River WMP include the County of Los Angeles, LACFCD, and the City of Santa Clarita.

^{viii} Permittees of the VCSQMP Group include Ventura County Watershed Protection District, the County of Ventura, and the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Ventura.