



# Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board September 10, 2015, Public Meeting Agenda Item 16.

Consideration of Petition for Review of the Executive Officer's Action to Approve, With Conditions, Nine Watershed Management Program (WMP) Plans Pursuant to the Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, Order No. R4-2012-0175

**Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2  
Watershed Management Area  
(LAR UR2 WMA)**

**Watershed Management Program  
(WMP) Plan**

Submittal Date: June 26, 2014  
 Revision Submittal Date: January 27, 2015  
 Conditional Approval Date: April 20, 2015  
 Revision Submittal Date: June 12, 2015  
 Final Approval Date: August 13, 2015

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# Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 (LAR UR2)

## ➤ LAR UR2 Group Progress and Actions

- Actively implementing the Approved LAR UR2 WMP and MS4 Permit
- Initiated Rio Hondo Bacterial Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) Study
  - Two monitoring events completed
- Initiated Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP)
  - Prepared Outfall Screening (Physical Features) GIS Database
  - Completed two Non-Stormwater Discharges (NSWD) Inventories
- Finalizing Scope of Work and Request for Proposals for Feasibility Study of first three Regional Projects in the Approved WMP
- Seeking funding opportunities with Gateway affiliates
- GWMA to adopt grant policy on funding Feasibility/Planning Studies
- GCOG Strategic Transportation Plan Adoption in 2015
  - Identify Green and LID Street funding opportunities to comply with MS4 Permit and Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives



# LAR UR2 WMA

- Supports the Executive Officer's WMP approvals
  - April 28, 2015 Approval with Conditions
  - August 13, 2015 Final Approval
- Addressed October 27, 2014 Board comments
  - Phone calls, meetings, and emails with Board Staff during November, December, and January
  - Submitted Revised WMP on January 27, 2015
- Implemented April 28, 2015 Conditions
  - Submitted Final Revised WMP on June 12, 2015



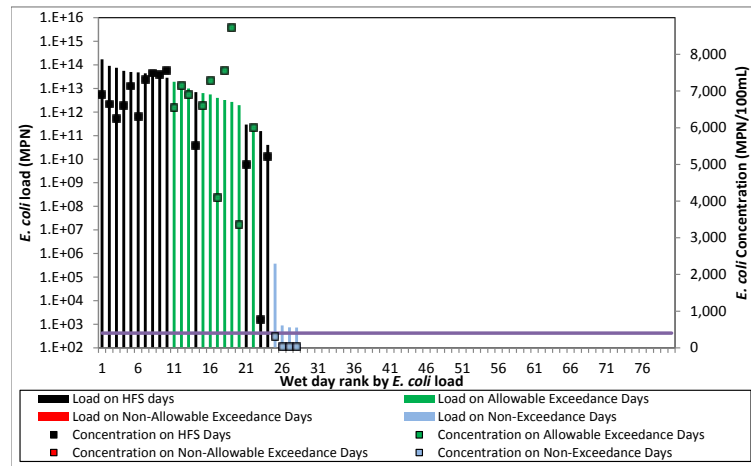
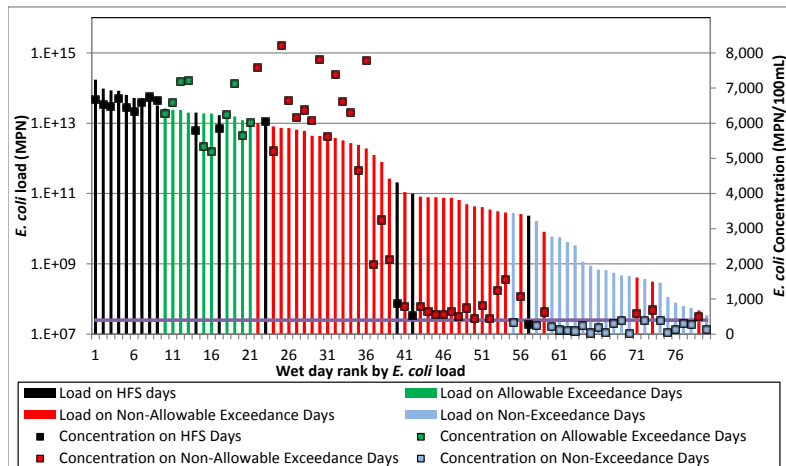
# Executive Officer WMP Approval

- MS4 Permits, RAAs, and WMPs are complex documents and undertakings
  - Different pollutant/weather characteristics
  - Different permittee/river reach characteristics
  - Lack of LAR UR2 WMA specific reference data
  - Many ways to achieve water quality objectives
- Additional iterations were necessary to develop a common understanding of the MS4 Permit, TMDLs, and RAA Guidelines



# April 28, 2015 Approval with Conditions

- Subjective comments had been resolved
- Conditions were implementable
- Responded to conditions and made revisions to improve WMP clarity and implementation flexibility (resulting in increased BMP costs)



# Conclusion

- WMPs are complex iterative programs with an Adaptive Management Process (AMP)
- Board comments were addressed with staff, although not all resulted in WMP revisions
- Executive Officer provided approvals, with conditions, based on past precedent
- Final Approved WMPs identify substantial near, intermediate, and long term actions