
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Los Angeles County MS4 Permittees and other Interested Persons

FROM: Renee A. Purdy
Regional Programs Section Chief

DATE: July 25, 2014

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND CORRESPONDING MONITORING PROGRAM DELIVERABLES PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

In response to stakeholder requests, the public comment period for the Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) Workplans, and their companion draft Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Programs (CIMP), submitted pursuant to the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit has been extended. The new deadline for submitting comments to the Regional Water Board is **no later than 5:00 pm on September 16, 2014**. The comment period for draft Watershed Management Program plans and their companion draft Monitoring Programs has not been extended and comments on those documents are still due **no later than 5:00 pm on August 18, 2014**.

Pursuant to Part VI.A.5.b, the above-referenced documents are available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed_management/index.shtml

Persons wishing to comment on the EWMP Workplans and draft CIMPs are invited to submit them in writing to Ivar Ridgeway, Chief, Storm Water Permitting, at:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

or send them electronically as a PDF file to: losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit – Comments on XXXXX EWMP WP" or "LA County MS4 Permit – Comments on XXXXX Monitoring Program."

To be evaluated and considered by staff and the Regional Water Board, all written comments regarding the Enhanced Watershed Management Program Workplans and their companion draft

Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Programs must be received by the Board by 5:00 p.m. on September 16, 2014. Late submittal of written comments will not be allowed.

Instructions for submitting written comments on the draft Watershed Management Program plans and their companion draft Monitoring Programs were previously provided in a memorandum to Interested Persons dated July 3, 2014.

Please contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway at (213) 620-2150 or Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions regarding these documents.



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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Los Angeles County MS4 Permittees and Interested Persons

FROM: Renee A. Purdy 
Regional Programs Section Chief

DATE: July 1, 2015

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

By June 29, 2015, LA County MS4 Permittees who elected to develop an Enhanced Watershed Management Program were required to submit their draft Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMPs) to the Regional Water Board. The Regional Water Board received twelve (12) EWMPs, covering the following watershed management areas within LA County:

- Upper Santa Clara River Watershed
- North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watershed Management Area
- Malibu Creek Watershed
- Santa Monica Bay Jurisdictional Groups 2 and 3 Subwatersheds
- Marina del Rey Watershed
- Ballona Creek Watershed
- Beach Cities Watershed Management Area
- Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed
- Upper Los Angeles River Watershed
- Upper San Gabriel River Watershed
- Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Watershed Management Area
- Dominguez Channel Watershed

Pursuant to Part VI.A.5.b of the LA County MS4 Permit, the draft EWMPs are available on the Regional Water Board's web site, by clicking on the specific watershed group, at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed_management/index.shtml

Persons wishing to comment on the draft Enhanced Watershed Management Programs are invited to submit them electronically as a PDF file to: losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit – Comments on [Insert Watershed Name] EWMP."

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To be evaluated and considered by the Regional Water Board, all written comments must be received by the Board by 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2015. Late submittal of written 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.

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: State Senators and Assembly Members within Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County

FROM: Samuel Unger 
Executive Officer

DATE: July 1, 2015

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT**

As elected officials with districts within coastal watersheds of Los Angeles County, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) wishes to bring to your attention that we are seeking public input on draft documents developed by Permittees under 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 MS4 (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit).

BACKGROUND

On November 8, 2012, the Regional Water Board issued the LA County MS4 Permit, the purpose of which is to manage stormwater and urban runoff discharges from 84 cities within the County of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. Part VI.C of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit allows these Permittees the flexibility to develop either Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) or Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs) to implement the requirements of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit on a watershed scale through customized strategies, control measures, and BMPs. This is the first watershed-based MS4 permit in the state and allows cities and other stakeholders to plan for cost-effective compliance. The LA County MS4 Permit, and its watershed-based implementation approach, was recently upheld by the State Water Resources Control Board during its meeting on June 16, 2015.

The overarching purpose of WMPs and EWMPs is the same: to allow Permittees to identify and implement strategies, control measures and BMPs, on a watershed basis, to achieve required water quality outcomes, including receiving water limitations and TMDLs. EWMPs, however, include the added benefit of a compliance strategy that strongly encourages stormwater retention, including infiltration, which will help augment our local water supplies as well as provide flood protection and increased recreational opportunities.

EWMPs are driven by strategic planning and implementation, which will ultimately result in more cost effective permit execution. The EWMP compliance alternative will provide Permittees with the flexibility to prioritize and customize stormwater control measures to address the water quality issues specific to

the watershed, consistent with federal law. Focusing on watershed implementation does not mean that the Permittees must expend funds outside of their jurisdictions. Rather, the Permittees within each watershed are expected to collaborate to develop a watershed strategy to address the high priority water quality problems within each watershed. They have the option of implementing the strategy in the manner they find to be most effective. Each Permittee can implement the strategy individually within its jurisdiction, or the Permittees can group together to implement the strategy throughout the watershed.

By June 29, 2015, Permittees who elected to develop a EWMP were required to submit their draft EWMP to the Regional Water Board. The Regional Water Board received twelve (12) EWMPs, covering the following watershed management areas within LA County:

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- Upper San Gabriel River Watershed
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- Dominguez Channel Watershed

On July 1, 2015, the draft EWMPs were made available on the Regional Water Board's website and a public notice was sent to the Board's e-mail list of interested persons informing them of the availability of the documents for public review and comment. The documents are available at the following website address:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed_management/index.shtml

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

You or your staff may have already subscribed to the Board's "Storm Water - LA County MS4" e-mail subscription list and, therefore, received the July 1, 2015 public notice.

The Board is soliciting written comments on the draft EWMPs. Written comments may be submitted electronically as a PDF file to: losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit – Comments on [*Insert Watershed Name*] EWMP."

To be evaluated and considered by the Regional Water Board, all written comments on draft EWMPs must be received by the Board by **5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2015**.

Please feel free to contact me at (213) 576-6605 or Samuel.Unger@waterboards.ca.gov, or Renee Purdy, Chief of the Regional Programs Section, at (213) 576-6622 or Renee.Purdy@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions regarding these documents.

State Senators and Assembly Members
Within Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County

July 1, 2015

If you have not subscribed to the Regional Water Board's e-mail list and you would like to receive future e-mail communication regarding the LA County MS4 Permit, we encourage you to subscribe to the "Storm Water - LA County MS4" e-mail list at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg4_subscribe.shtml

Please also note that the Board periodically updates its website with newly available documents, including documents related to the LA County MS4 Permit; we encourage you or your staff to periodically check our website for updates.