

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 7, 2016

Mr. Anthony Arevalo
Storm Water/Environmental Compliance Officer
City of Long Beach
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Long Beach, CA 90802

FINAL APPROVED CITY OF LONG BEACH'S INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE PORT AREA, PURSUANT TO ATTACHMENT E, PART IV.A OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004003; ORDER NO. R4-2014-0024)

Dear Mr. Arevalo:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) has reviewed the revised monitoring program for the Port area (Inner Harbor, Outer Harbor, and Eastern San Pedro Bay) submitted on April 18, 2016 by the City of Long Beach (City). This monitoring program was submitted pursuant to the provisions of NPDES Permit No. CAS004003 (Order No. R4-2014-0024), which authorizes discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by the City of Long Beach (hereafter, City of Long Beach MS4 Permit). The City of Long Beach MS4 Permit allows the City the option to develop and implement an integrated monitoring program (IMP) that achieves the five Primary Objectives set forth in Part II.A of Attachment E and includes the elements set forth in Part II.D of Attachment E. This program must be approved by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board.

On June 6, 2016, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the City's IMP (Port area). My approval letter directed the City to submit a final IMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than July 6, 2016. On July 6, 2016, the City submitted its final IMP as directed. After review of the City's final IMP, Los Angeles Water Board staff found that Condition #2 of the approval letter was partially met where receiving water monitoring for CCMRP Station 21 was added to Table 2 of the IMP, but other applicable sections were not revised accordingly. Therefore, on September 30, 2016, Los Angeles Water Board staff through email exchanges requested that the City make minor revisions to fully address Condition #2 of the approval letter and resubmit its final IMP. On October 3, 2016, the City submitted a revised final IMP.

After review of the City's revised final IMP (Port area) submitted on October 3, 2016, I have determined that the City's IMP (Port area) satisfies all of the conditions identified in my June 6, 2016 approval letter. The IMP submitted on October 3, 2016 hereby constitutes the final approved IMP (Port area) for the City. Additional direction on requirements for follow-up monitoring when aquatic toxicity is present in downstream receiving waters has been provided

in separate correspondence dated August 7, 2015, and must be followed as part of the City's final approved IMP.

Also note that pursuant to Order No. R4-2014-0024-A01 amending Order No. R4-2014-0024, the City is required to modify its IMP to incorporate a Trash Monitoring and Reporting Plan (TMRP) by December 30, 2016. Modifications will be subject to public review and Executive Officer approval. Additionally, the City is required to submit a Plastic Pellet Monitoring and Reporting Plan (PMRP) to the Los Angeles Water Board by March 8, 2018¹.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erum Razzak of the Storm Water Permitting Unit by electronic mail at Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2095. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Chief of the Storm Water Permitting Unit, by electronic mail at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

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¹ The City of Long Beach may choose to submit one TMRP and PMRP for its' entire jurisdiction and modify the applicable CIMP/IMP accordingly, or address the requirements through the Lower Los Angeles River Group CIMP and/or the Long Beach Nearshore Watershed Management Area IMP.