

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 12, 2025

Via Email Only

Permittees of the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program (VCSQMP) Group¹

APPROVAL OF THE VENTURA COUNTYWIDE STORMWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GROUP'S COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO PART III IN ATTACHMENT E OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004004; ORDER NO. R4-2021-0105)

Dear Permittees of the VCSQMP Group:

The Regional MS4 Permit (Order No. R4-2021-0105) authorizes discharges from the MS4 operated by 99 municipal Permittees within the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (hereafter, Regional MS4 Permit or Order). The Regional MS4 Permit requires Permittees to implement an Integrated Monitoring Program (IMP) or a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) as set forth in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E of the Order) hereafter, MRP.

Pursuant to Part III.D.2.b of the MRP, the VCSQMP (Group) submitted a draft CIMP by the September 11, 2023 deadline for approval by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board).

Public Review and Comment

On September 26, 2023, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) provided public notice and a 62-day period to allow for public review and comment on the CIMP. No comments were received.

Board's Review

Ventura County Permittees were required to develop or join a monitoring program pursuant to Part III of the MRP. Pursuant to Part III.D.2.a of the MRP, Ventura County Permittees submitted two Notices of Intent (NOIs) to the Board on December 13, 2021.

¹ Permittees of the VCSQMP Group include Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD), the County of Ventura, and the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Ventura.

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One letter described its intent to join Los Angeles County's Malibu Creek CIMP to address the Upper Malibu Creek subwatershed and the other letter detailed the Permittee's intent for developing a Ventura County-Wide CIMP. On April 4, 2022, the Board issued a review letter for both NOIs which noted that if VCWPD, the County of Ventura, and the City of Thousand Oaks are not successful in negotiations to join the Malibu Creek CIMP, the Ventura County-Wide CIMP will be required to include the Upper Malibu Creek subwatershed. At subsequent meetings with the Group to discuss other related items, it was determined that the Group will not be joining the Malibu Creek CIMP.

Pursuant to Part III.D.2.b of the MRP, the Group submitted a Ventura County-Wide draft CIMP that included the Upper Malibu Creek subwatershed on September 11, 2023. On February 29, 2024, Board staff provided preliminary comments to the Group and requested revisions to the draft CIMP. To discuss these comments, the Group met with the Board on March 20, 2024. In response to the Group's questions that arose during this meeting, Board staff sent an email to the Group on April 3, 2024. Subsequently, the Group submitted a revised CIMP on April 15, 2024. On May 14, 2024, Board staff sent comments to the Group requesting revisions to the revised CIMP to fully address comments provided earlier. On June 14, 2024, the Group submitted a 2nd revised draft CIMP to the Board. On December 12, 2024, Board staff sent additional comments to the Group requesting revisions to the 2nd revised draft CIMP. On January 27, 2025, the Group submitted the final CIMP to the Board.

The Los Angeles Water Board has reviewed the Group's CIMP dated January 2025 and has determined that it is consistent with applicable requirements in the MRP, monitoring provisions in applicable TMDLs, and specifically, with Attachments K through S of the Order. The review of the CIMP did not include a review of any Trash Monitoring and Reporting Plans and/or Plastic Pellet Monitoring and Reporting Plans.

Approval

The Los Angeles Water Board hereby approves the Group's CIMP, dated January 2025. Pursuant to Part III.D.2.c of the MRP, **the Group shall implement their approved CIMP within 90 days after the date of this letter.** An approval of the Group's CIMP does not constitute an approval of any unapproved Trash Monitoring and Reporting Plans, Plastic Pellet Monitoring and Reporting Plans, and/or TMDL-required monitoring plans (i.e., Appendix 4: Calleguas Creek Watershed TMDL Monitoring Program – Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)) that were included in the CIMP.

Monitoring Program Modifications

Pursuant to Part II.F of the MRP, if the Permittee(s) wish to modify any monitoring requirements in their approved Monitoring Program (e.g., reduce or eliminate monitoring of specified pollutants, reduce monitoring frequencies, change monitoring locations), the Permittee(s) shall submit a written request to the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board for approval prior to making any modifications. This provision may be

waived if the Los Angeles Water Board determines that the modification is (a) minor and (b) does not otherwise violate any applicable provision of law.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Erum Razzak with the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email at Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2095. 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.

Sincerely,

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