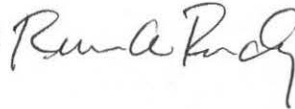

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: MS4 Permittees and Interested Persons

FROM: Renee Purdy, Section Chief
Regional Programs



DATE: April 2, 2015

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON REVISED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS (WMPs) PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT AND DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) will hold a public meeting to discuss the revised Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) submitted to the Board pursuant to the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit. Permittees and interested persons are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held on:

**Monday, April 13, 2015
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
First Floor Carmel Room
320 W. 4th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013**

Pursuant to Part VI.C.4.e. of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit, permittees that elected to develop a WMP that do not have an approved WMP by April 28, 2015 shall be subject to the baseline requirements of the Permit. The Los Angeles Water Board has delegated authority to its Executive Officer to approve or deny the revised WMPs on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board. The focus of the meeting will be the Executive Officer's pending consideration of the revised WMPs for approval or denial. The meeting will provide a forum for permittees and interested persons to discuss the revised WMPs with the Executive Officer and staff.

In addition to the Executive Officer, a quorum of Los Angeles Water Board members may be in attendance during the meeting to listen to comments, ask questions, and provide feedback to the Executive Officer. However, no action or voting will take place at this meeting.

In addition, on March 25 2015, Executive Officer Samuel Unger was copied on an e-mail communication from Liz Crosson of Los Angeles Waterkeeper containing written comments on the revised WMPs from Los Angeles Waterkeeper, NRDC, and Heal the Bay. Mr. Unger did not respond to the e-mail communication. Under Government Code section 11430.10, subdivision (a), the e-mail communication constitutes an ex parte communication to the Executive Officer from an interested person in a pending proceeding, regarding an issue in the proceeding, without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication. The Los

Angeles Water Board hereby discloses the communication in accordance with Government Code section 11430.50. The e-mail communication is available for review on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/comments/NRDC_LAW_HTB_LA_MS4_Revised_WMPComments_March%202015_FINAL.pdf
Permittees and interested persons may orally address the communication during the meeting.

We understand that the e-mail communication was a result of a mistaken belief that communications concerning the pending approval or denial of the revised WMPs are not prohibited. The Los Angeles Water Board's pending approval or denial of the revised WMPs is subject to the prohibition on ex parte communications. Permittees and interested persons may not communicate with Los Angeles Water Board members or the Executive Officer regarding the pending approval or denial of the revised WMPs except through oral comments at this meeting.

Please contact me at (213) 576-6622 or Renee.Purdy@waterboards.ca.gov or, alternatively, Mr. Ivar Ridgeway at (213) 620-2150 or Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov with questions concerning the meeting or general matters concerning the revised WMPs. Please contact Los Angeles Water Board Attorney Jennifer Fordyce at (916) 324-6682 or Jennifer.Fordyce@waterboards.ca.gov concerning any questions regarding the prohibition on ex parte communications.