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APPROVAL OF NOTIFICATION OF INTENT WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO DEVELOP AN ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

Dear Permittees participating in the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group:

In a letter dated December 6, 2013, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board or Board) provided its review of the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area (Dominguez Channel WMA) notification of intent (NOI) to develop an enhanced watershed management program (EWMP). As part of their NOI, Permittees pursuing an EWMP are required to identify, and commit to fully implement by June 28, 2015, a structural best management practice (BMP) or suite of BMPs at a scale that provides meaningful water quality improvement within each watershed covered by the EWMP. The structural BMP(s) must be in addition to BMPs that are required to meet interim or final trash TMDL effluent limitations or other final effluent limitations applicable in the watershed with deadlines prior to April 28, 2016. The structural BMP(s) identified in the NOI are subject to Executive Officer approval. The NOI identified the Phase IV – Trash TMDL Implementation project as the structural BMP to meet the above mentioned requirement.

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In its letter, the Board requested additional information about the water quality improvements to be achieved by the Phase IV – Trash TMDL Implementation project. Specifically, for the Board to fully evaluate the project, Permittees needed to provide the number of catch basin retrofits to be completed within the Dominguez Channel Watershed by June 28, 2015, and the associated drainage area addressed by the retrofitted catch basins.

On December 19, 2013, the Regional Water Board received the additional information in response to our comments. Board staff has reviewed the additional information in conjunction with the NOI submitted by the Dominguez Channel WMA Group on June, 27, 2013, for compliance with all notification requirements of Part VI.C of Order No. R4-2012-0175 and has determined that all the notification requirements have been met.

Pursuant to section VI.C.4.b.iii.(5) of the Order, the proposed structural best management practices (BMPs) are subject to approval by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. The City of Los Angeles plans to implement the Dominguez Channel WMA Catch Basin Retrofit project (Retrofit Project). It is noted that a total maximum daily load for trash in the Dominguez Channel WMA has not been adopted by the Regional Water Board. By June 28, 2015, the Retrofit Project will have installed 1,325 catch basin opening screen covers. The associated drainage area addressed by the retrofitted catch basins will be approximately 6,900 acres or 42% of the City of Los Angeles drainage area within the Dominguez Channel WMA.

The Board has concluded that the Retrofit Project will result in a meaningful improvement in water quality by preventing trash from discharging into the Dominguez Channel; therefore, the proposed Dominguez Channel WMA Catch Basin Retrofit project is approved.

The work plan for development of the Dominguez Channel WMA EWMP is due by June 28, 2014. Please submit the work plan to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit – Enhanced Watershed Management Program Work Plan" with copies to Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov and Rebecca.Christmann@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at (213) 620-2150 or Ms. Rebecca Christmann at (213) 576-6786.

Sincerely,



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