

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 21, 2015

Permittees of the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Group¹

FINAL APPROVED LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (WMP), PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175) AND THE CITY OF LONG BEACH MS4 PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004003; ORDER NO. R4-2014-0024)

Dear Permittees of the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Group:

On November 8, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted Order No. R4-2012-0175, *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). On February 6, 2014, the Board adopted Order No. R4-2014-0024, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Discharges from the City of Long Beach* (hereafter, Long Beach MS4 Permit). The LA County MS4 Permit and the Long Beach MS4 Permit allow Permittees the option to develop either a Watershed Management Program (WMP) or an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) to implement permit requirements on a watershed scale through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs). Development of a WMP or EWMP is voluntary and allows a Permittee to address the highest watershed priorities, including complying with the requirements of Part V.A (Receiving Water Limitations), Part VI.E and Attachments L through R (Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions), by customizing the control measures in Parts III.A (Prohibitions – Non-Storm Water Discharges) and VI.D (Minimum Control Measures), except the Planning and Land Development Program².

On April 28, 2015, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Group's WMP. My approval letter directed the LCC Group to submit a final WMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than June 12, 2015. On June 9, 2015 the LCC Group submitted its final WMP (dated June 8, 2015), as directed.

¹ Permittees of the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Group include the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount, and Signal Hill.

² The cited permit sections are from the LA County MS4 Permit. Equivalent requirements in the Long Beach MS4 Permit are as follows: Part VI.A (Receiving Water Limitations), Part VIII (Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions), Part IV.B (Prohibitions – Non-Storm Water Discharges), and Part VII.D-VII.M (Minimum Control Measures).

After review of the LCC Group's final WMP dated June 8, 2015, I have determined that the LCC Group's WMP satisfies all of the conditions identified in my April 28, 2015 approval letter. The WMP dated June 8, 2015 hereby constitutes the final approved WMP for the LCC Group.

The Los Angeles Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the LCC Group in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit and the Long Beach MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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