

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 28, 2015

Permittees of the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Group¹
(See Distribution List)

FINAL APPROVED LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO ATTACHMENT E, PART IV.B OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175) AND ATTACHMENT E, PART IV.B OF 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:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) has reviewed the final monitoring program submitted on July 2, 2015 by the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Group (Group). This monitoring program was submitted pursuant to the provisions of NPDES Permit No. CAS004001 (Order No. R4-2012-0175), which authorizes discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by 86 municipal Permittees within Los Angeles County (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit), and NPDES Permit No. CAS004003 (Order No. R4-2014-0024), which authorizes MS4 discharges from the MS4 operated by the City of Long Beach (hereafter, Long Beach MS4 Permit). Both MS4 permits allow Permittees the option to develop and implement a coordinated integrated monitoring program (CIMP) that achieves the five Primary Objectives set forth in Part II.A of Attachment E and includes the elements set forth in Part II.E of Attachment E². These programs must be approved by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board.

On June 18, 2015, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the Group's CIMP. My approval letter directed the Group to submit a final CIMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than July 3, 2015. On July 2, 2015 the Group submitted its final CIMP, as directed.

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

² Equivalent sections in the Long Beach MS4 Permit are Attachment E, Parts II.A and II.D, respectively.

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After review of the Group's final CIMP submitted on July 2, 2015, I have determined that the Group's CIMP satisfies all of the conditions identified in my June 18, 2015 approval letter. The CIMP submitted on July 2, 2015 hereby constitutes the final approved CIMP for the Group. Additional direction on requirements for follow-up monitoring when aquatic toxicity is present in downstream receiving waters will be provided in separate correspondence, and must be followed as part of the Group's final approved CIMP.

The Los Angeles Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the Group in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chris Lopez of the Storm Water Permitting Unit by electronic mail at Chris.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-6674. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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