



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



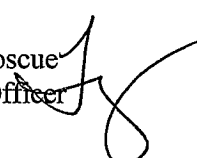
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TO: Permittees and Other Interested Persons

FROM: Tracy J. Egoscue
Executive Officer 

DATE: July 6, 2009

SUBJECT: MODIFICATIONS TO WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT (NPDES NO. CAS004001) TO INCORPORATE PROVISIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED TRASH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will consider modifications to Waste Discharge Requirements for the County of Los Angeles Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit (NPDES No. CAS004001; LA County MS4 Permit) in the near future. The modifications to be considered are new findings and permit provisions to implement the Los Angeles River Watershed Trash TMDL and, specifically, the applicable waste load allocations assigned to the LA County MS4 permittees that are identified as responsible jurisdictions in the TMDL.

The Regional Board adopted the Los Angeles River Watershed Trash TMDL on August 9, 2007. The TMDL was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency and became effective on September 23, 2008. 40 CFR section 122.44(d)(4)(vii)(B) requires that NPDES permits must be consistent with the assumptions and requirements of any available waste load allocation. The Waste Load Allocations in the trash TMDL are expressed as progressively decreasing amounts of trash discharges (by weight or volume) to the storm drain system for protection of recreation and aquatic life beneficial uses in the Los Angeles River Watershed. These beneficial uses are impaired by large accumulations of floating, suspended and settled debris throughout the river system.

Basin Plan Tables 7-2.1, 7-2.2, and 7-2.3 set forth the provisions of the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL. These provisions require permittees, identified as responsible jurisdictions in the TMDL, to take appropriate measures to achieve a progressive reduction of their trash discharges to the storm drain system until the final target of zero trash discharge is met.

In advance of the Board's consideration of this matter, the Regional Board requests input from permittees and other interested persons regarding incorporating the provisions of the trash TMDL into the LA County MS4 Permit. The Regional Board staff will host a public workshop to receive comments and suggestions on this matter. Permittees subject to the Waste Discharge Requirements for the County of Los Angeles Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit (NPDES No. CAS004001) and other interested persons are encouraged to participate in this meeting.

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**Public Workshop
July 29, 2009 at 10:00 AM
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region
320 W. 4th Street, 1st Floor Carmel Room
Los Angeles, CA 90013**

If you are unable to participate, please submit suggestions in writing prior to the workshop. Written comments should be sent no later than **5:00 PM on July 28, 2009** to the attention of:

**Ivar Ridgeway
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If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Ivar Ridgeway at (213) 620-2150 or Dr. Ginachi Amah at (213) 576-6685.

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