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LOS ANGELES REGION**

**ORDER NO. R4-2025-0289
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF TRASH FROM
NONPOINT SOURCES IN WATERBODIES SUBJECT TO TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY
LOADS FOR TRASH**

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) finds that:

I. PURPOSE OF ORDER

1. This Order serves as general Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Trash from Nonpoint Sources in Waterbodies Subject to Total Maximum Daily Loads for Trash (General WDRs or General Order). The requirements established in this General Order ensure that the load allocations for trash established by the TMDLs listed in Table 1 below (collectively referred to as Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs) are attained. This General Order establishes requirements to prevent and address water quality impacts to waters of the state as a result of trash from nonpoint sources.

II. BACKGROUND

2. Trash is junk or rubbish generated by human activity, such as cigarette butts, paper, fast food containers, plastic grocery bags, cans and bottles, used diapers, construction site debris, industrial preproduction plastic pellets, old tires, and appliances. Trash can cause water quality impacts in waterbodies, including but not limited to reduced habitat for wildlife and aquatic life, direct harm to wildlife and aquatic life from ingestion or entanglement, and health impacts to people using waterbodies.
3. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan)¹ establishes narrative water quality objectives that are applicable to trash. These water quality objectives are (1) Floating Materials: "Waters shall not contain floating materials, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses" and (2) Solid, Suspended, or Settleable Materials: "Waters shall not contain suspended or settleable material in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."
4. As shown in Table 1, the Los Angeles Water region has eleven TMDLs for waterbodies listed on the Clean Water Act section 303(d) list of impaired waters due to trash and debris. Unless otherwise noted, these TMDLs were adopted

¹The Trash Provisions in the *Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California* (Ocean Plan) and the *Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California* (ISWBE Plan) do not apply to areas subject to the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs identified in this Conditional Waiver (per Chapter IV.A.1.b of the ISWBE and Chapter II.L.1.b of the Ocean Plan).

by the Los Angeles Water Board and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), the State Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and are included in Chapter 7 of the Basin Plan.

Table 1. Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs

No.	TMDLs	Original TMDL Effective Date	Revised TMDL Effective Date
1	Los Angeles River Watershed Trash TMDL	August 28, 2002	June 30, 2016
2	Ballona Creek Trash TMDL	August 28, 2002	June 30, 2016
3	Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL	July 7, 2009	May 6, 2020
4	Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL	March 6, 2008	May 6, 2020
5	Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL	March 20, 2012	June 1, 2022
6	Machado Lake Trash TMDL	March 6, 2008	June 1, 2022
7	Lake Elizabeth, Munz Lake, and Lake Hughes Trash TMDL (Santa Clara River Lakes Trash TMDL)	March 6, 2008	June 1, 2022
8	Legg Lake Trash TMDL	March 6, 2008	June 1, 2022
9	Ventura River Estuary Trash TMDL	March 6, 2008	June 1, 2022
10	San Gabriel River East Fork Trash TMDL	April 17, 2001	Not applicable
11	Echo Park Lake, Peck Road Park Lake, and Lincoln Park Lake Trash TMDLs**	March 26, 2012	Not applicable

**These TMDLs were established by U.S. EPA.

5. The Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs identify all known contributing sources of trash and quantify the allowable load of trash, which for these TMDLs is zero trash. Point sources, such as discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), are assigned waste load allocations. Nonpoint sources, such as discharges to waterbodies by wind or littering, are assigned load allocations. Point sources of trash and waste load allocations are regulated under separate orders.

6. The Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL, Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL, Machado Lake Trash TMDL, Santa Clara River Lakes Trash TMDL, Legg Lake Trash TMDL, Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL, Los Angeles River Trash TMDL, Ballona Creek Trash TMDL, and Ventura River Estuary Trash TMDL require entities responsible for nonpoint sources of trash to achieve compliance with assigned load allocations through implementation of a Minimum Frequency of Assessment and Collection (MFAC) and best management practices (BMP) program (MFAC/BMP program). An MFAC/BMP program consists of regularly scheduled trash assessments, collection, and disposal, along with BMP implementation at an interval that prevents trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between collections. Entities responsible for nonpoint sources of trash must implement BMPs to progressively reduce the amount of trash that accumulates between MFAC events. If the amount of trash accumulating between MFAC events does not decrease, the collection frequency or BMP implementation must be increased. These TMDLs also require entities responsible for nonpoint sources of trash to implement a trash monitoring and reporting program (TMRP) to evaluate the effectiveness of the MFAC/BMP program.
7. The San Gabriel River East Fork Trash TMDL does not specifically require an MFAC/BMP program to achieve compliance with load allocations, but it does require monitoring and litter control measures.
8. The Echo Park Lake, Peck Road Park Lake, and Lincoln Park Lake Trash TMDLs do not contain implementation plans as implementation plans are not a required element of U.S. EPA-established TMDLs, but these TMDLs do contain guidance that load allocations should be achieved through BMPs as well as a minimum frequency of trash assessment and collection at an interval sufficient to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts in between collections.
9. The Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL, Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL, Machado Lake Trash TMDL, Santa Clara River Lakes Trash TMDL, Legg Lake Trash TMDL, and Ventura River Estuary Trash TMDL indicated that load allocations would be implemented through (1) a conditional waiver from waste discharge requirements, or (2) an alternative program implemented through waste discharge requirements or an individual waiver or another appropriate order of the Los Angeles Water Board. As such, when these TMDLs were originally adopted, a conditional waiver for nonpoint source discharges of trash was embedded within the TMDLs themselves. Conditional waivers may not exceed five years in duration. As such, when these TMDLs were reconsidered in 2018 and 2019, the conditional waivers were removed and replaced with general language referencing the statewide Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control

Program (Nonpoint Source Policy or Policy). The Los Angeles River Watershed Trash TMDL, Ballona Creek Trash TMDL, and Santa Monica Bay Debris TMDL do not include a conditional waiver but do include general language referencing the statewide Nonpoint Source Policy. The San Gabriel River East Fork, Echo Park Lake, Peck Road Park Lake, and Lincoln Park Lake Trash TMDLs do not contain a conditional waiver or reference a specific regulatory mechanism or policy to implement the load allocations. However, the same regulatory mechanisms and the Nonpoint Source Policy are also appropriate to implement the load allocations in these TMDLs.

10. Responsible entities for the load allocations in the Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL, Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL, Machado Lake Trash TMDL, Santa Clara River Lakes Trash TMDL, Legg Lake Trash TMDL, Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL, and Ventura River Estuary Trash TMDL have been implementing MFAC/BMP programs for approximately 15 years. When the Los Angeles Water Board reconsidered these TMDLs in 2018 and 2019, it evaluated the effectiveness of the MFAC/BMP requirements. For the Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL and the Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL, the MFAC/BMP requirements were revised to increase the initial frequency of assessment and collection to add more MFAC sites, and to require responsible entities to submit revised MFAC/BMPs and TMRPs to reflect these changes.
11. On September 9, 2020, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Order R4-2020-0112, *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Nonpoint Sources in Waterbodies Subject to Total Maximum Daily Loads for Trash*, known as the “Trash Waiver”.
12. Order R4-2020-0112, implemented the load allocations for the eleven (11) Trash TMDLs adopted in the Los Angeles Region.
13. Order R4-2020-0112 required all responsible entities identified in the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs to ensure and verify the effectiveness of their MFAC/BMP program (to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts in between collections) through a TMRP. Responsible entities that had existing TRMPs continued implementation of that TMRP, provided it satisfied the conditions of the Waiver. If the TMRP was inadequate or outdated, Order R4-2020-0112 required a revised TMRP.
14. The annual monitoring reports submitted pursuant to the Order No. R4-2020-0112 have documented continued presence of trash in the watersheds subject to trash TMDLs. While some watersheds have shown improvement, impairments remain.
15. The Trash Waiver (Order R4-2020-0112) expired on September 9, 2025.

16. A review of the implementation of Order R4-2020-0112 determined the use of the terms MFAC and TMRP for implementation of load allocations for nonpoint sources of trash reduced the compliance rate of responsible entities because the same name was applied implementation requirements for point sources of trash. A detailed discussion of the programmatic review of Order R4-2020-0112 is included in section 4 of the Staff Report.
17. This Order adopts General WDRs to continue the implementation of the load allocations adopted in each of the eleven (11) Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs identified in Table 1 and requires the entities identified as responsible for nonpoint source discharges of trash in each TMDL to continue to implement monitoring, clean-up, assessment and BMP programs to address the trash impairments.
18. This Order updates the nomenclature for implementation program components that were previously incorporated in Order R4-2020-0112. The term “Minimum frequency of assessment and collection” (“MFAC”) will be retitled “Protocols for Assessment and Collection” or “PAC”. The combined term “Minimum frequency of assessment and collection and best management practices program” (“MFAC/BMP program”) will be retitled “Protocols for Assessment and Collection and best management practices” program (“PAC/BMP” program). The term “Trash Monitoring and Reporting Plan” (“TMRP”) will be retitled “Nonpoint Source Trash Assessment and Reporting Plan” (“NSTARP”). There will be no change to the requirements of these components.
19. The General WDRs require all responsible entities identified in the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs to ensure and verify the effectiveness of their monitoring, clean-up, assessment and BMP programs (to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts in between collections) through a trash monitoring and reporting program. All responsible entities will be required to submit a NSTARP within 3 months of the effective date of this order.

III. DEFINITIONS

20. “Waters of the State” means any surface water or groundwater, including saline waters, within the boundaries of the state. (Cal. Wat. Code § 13050(e))
21. “Nonpoint source pollution” means pollution from diffuse sources, such as runoff, precipitation, direct deposition, seepage or hydrologic modification.
22. “Point source pollution”, pollution from any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, well,

container, concentrated animal feeding operation, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

23. “Waste load Allocation” is the portion of a receiving water’s total maximum daily load that is allocated to one of its existing or future point sources of pollution

24. “Load Allocation” is the portion of a receiving water’s total maximum daily load that is attributed either to one of its existing or future nonpoint sources of pollution or to natural background sources.

25. “Responsible entity” is a designated group or agency assigned a waste load allocation or load allocation in a trash TMDL and required to comply with the allocation.

26. “Best Management Practices” or “BMPs” are techniques, measures or structural controls that are used for a given set of conditions to manage and improve water quality.

27. “Protocols for Assessment and Collection” or “PAC” is a process for addressing trash impacts. It consists of regularly scheduled trash assessments, collection and disposal. It is also used for monitoring change in trash accumulation rates. It is another name for “Minimum frequency of assessment and collection” or “MFAC”, but while MFAC is used for addressing point sources of trash, “PAC” is used for addressing nonpoint sources of trash.

28. “Nonpoint Source Trash Assessment and Reporting Plan” or “NSTARP” is another name for “Trash Monitoring and Reporting Plan” or “TMRP” required by trash TMDLs, but while “TMRP” is used for addressing point sources of trash, “NSTARP” is used for addressing nonpoint sources of trash.

29. “PAC/BMP Program” refers to an implementation program that combines PAC processes with progressive implementation of BMPs to address trash impairments of surface waters.

30. Unless otherwise specified above, all other terms used in this General Order shall have the same definition as that set forth in California Water Code Division 7.

IV. LEGAL AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

31. The Los Angeles Water Board's authority to regulate waste discharges that could affect the quality of the waters of the state, which includes both surface water and groundwater, is found in California Water Code Division 7, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Porter Cologne Act).
32. Water Code section 13260(a)(1) requires that any person discharging waste or proposing to discharge wastes (other than into a community sewer system) that could affect the quality of the waters of the state within the Los Angeles Water Board's jurisdiction shall file a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) with the Los Angeles Water Board. The Los Angeles Water Board may, in its discretion, issue Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) pursuant to Water Code section 13263(a) for proposed, existing, or material changes in discharges of waste that could affect water quality. The Los Angeles Water Board may prescribe waste discharge requirements even when no ROWD has been filed. The WDRs must implement relevant water quality control plans and the Water Code, including sections 13267 and 13241.
33. Water Code section 13263(i) authorizes the Los Angeles Water Board to prescribe General WDRs for a category of discharges if all the following criteria apply to the discharges in that category:
 - a. The discharges are produced by the same or similar operations;
 - b. The discharges involve the same or similar types of waste;
 - c. The discharges require the same or similar treatment standards; and
 - d. The discharges are more appropriately regulated under general requirements than individual requirements.
34. Discharges from nonpoint sources that are regulated under this General Order are consistent with the criteria listed above. The category of discharges in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties regulated by this General Order includes: (a) discharges produced by similar operations (nonpoint sources); (b) discharges which involve similar types of wastes (trash); (c) discharges that require similar water quality management practices; and (d) due to the large area of open space and numerous responsible entities these discharges are more appropriately regulated under general rather than individual requirements. General WDRs are an effective and efficient method to regulate the areas in the Los Angeles Region subject to a trash TMDL.

35. Water Code section 13263 requires that the Los Angeles Water Board consider the following factors, found in section 13241, when considering adoption of WDRs.

- a. Past, present, and probable future beneficial uses of water.
- b. Environmental characteristics of the hydrographic unit under consideration, including the quality of water available thereto.
- c. Water quality conditions that could reasonably be achieved through the coordinated control of all factors which affect water quality in the area.
- d. Economic considerations.
- e. The need for developing housing within the region.
- f. The need to develop and use recycled water.

The Los Angeles Water Board's consideration of these factors is described in section 9 of the Staff Report.

36. Water Code section 13267(b)(1) provides, in part, that:

"In conducting an investigation..., the regional board may require that any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or, discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste within its region . . . shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical or monitoring program reports which the regional board requires. The burden, including costs, of these reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In requiring those reports, the regional board shall provide the person with a written explanation with regard to the need for the reports, and shall identify the evidence that supports requiring that person to provide the reports."

37. All requirements for monitoring and reporting are established in this General Order pursuant to Water Code section 13267. These monitoring and reporting requirements are necessary to evaluate the following: (1) compliance with the terms and requirements of these General WDRs for discharges from nonpoint source areas; (2) the effectiveness of any measures or actions taken pursuant to this General Order; and (3) whether revisions to these WDRs and/or additional regulatory programs or enforcement actions are warranted. The burden of preparing technical and monitoring reports in accordance with these monitoring and reporting requirements is reasonable given the need and benefit of the reports. The costs of monitoring and reporting were evaluated prior to adoption of this General Order and are discussed in section 5 of the Staff Report.

38. The Los Angeles Water Board's Basin Plan designates beneficial uses; establishes water quality objectives; contains implementation programs, plans, and policies for protecting waters of the region; contains prohibitions on discharges of waste; and references the plans and policies adopted by the State Water Board.

39. The General WDRs specified in this General Order are consistent with State and Regional Board water quality control plans because they require compliance with load allocations in TMDLs set forth in the Basin Plan and pertinent state water quality control plans and policies, and they require protection of the beneficial uses in the Basin Plan.

40. Beneficial uses designated or defined for waters in the Basin Plan include:

• Municipal and Domestic Supply	• Tribal Tradition and Culture	• Cold Freshwater Habitat
• Water Contact Recreation	• Wildlife Habitat	• Migration of Aquatic Organisms
• Wetland Habitat	• Industrial Service Supply	• Navigation
• Agricultural Supply	• Aquaculture	• Inland Saline Water Habitat
• Non-contact Water Recreation	• Preservation of Biological Habitat	• Shellfish Harvesting
• Marine Habitat	• Groundwater Recharge	• Hydropower Generation
• Warm Water Habitat	• Cold Water Freshwater Habitat	• Estuarine Habitat
• Industrial Process Supply	• Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species	• Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development
• Commercial and Sport Fishing	• Freshwater Replenishment	• Tribal Subsistence Fishing

41. This General Order implements the Basin Plan and other statewide plans and policies by requiring the implementation of BMPs to achieve compliance with

trash load allocations. This General Order requires implementation of a monitoring and reporting program to determine effects of trash discharges on water quality and the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program.

42. The State Water Board has adopted the "Plan for California's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program" (Nonpoint Source Program Plan) dated August 2015 and the "Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program" (Nonpoint Source Policy) dated May 2004. The purpose of the Nonpoint Source Program Plan is to improve the State's ability to effectively manage nonpoint source pollution and conform to the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The Nonpoint Source Policy explains the authorities used to implement and enforce the Nonpoint Source Program Plan and describes three options for addressing nonpoint source pollution: (1) waste discharge requirements, (2) conditional waivers of waste discharge requirements, and (3) discharge prohibitions. The policy also describes implementation programs to prevent and/or reduce nonpoint source pollution including antidegradation requirements, management practices, time schedules, feedback to Los Angeles Water Board to evaluate the program progress, and appropriate Board actions to correct program deficiencies, if necessary.
43. This General Order constitutes a Nonpoint Source Implementation Program for the discharges regulated by the General Order, and it is consistent with the five key elements required by the Nonpoint Source Policy. These elements include (1) the purpose of the program must be stated and the program must address nonpoint source pollution in a manner that achieves and maintains water quality objectives and beneficial uses, including any applicable antidegradation requirements; (2) the program must describe the practices to be implemented and processes to be used to select and verify proper implementation of practices; (3) where it is necessary to allow time to achieve water quality requirements, the program must include a specific time schedule, and corresponding quantifiable milestones designed to measure progress toward reaching specified requirements; (4) the program must include feedback mechanisms to determine whether the program is achieving its purpose or whether additional or different practices are required; and (5) the program must state the consequences of failure to achieve the stated purpose. This General Order is consistent with the Nonpoint Source Policy as described in section 9.2 of the Staff Report.
44. State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16, Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California (Antidegradation Policy) requires the Los Angeles Water Board, in regulating the discharge of waste, to maintain high quality waters of the state unless it is demonstrated that any degradation will be consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the

State, will not unreasonably affect beneficial uses, and will not result in water quality worse than that described in the Regional Board or State Water Board policies. This General Order is consistent with the Antidegradation Policy as described in section 9.3 of the Staff Report.

45. Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires every state to evaluate all available water quality data and make a list of waterbodies that do not attain water quality standards (called the 303(d) List). Waters on the 303(d) List are considered impaired for a particular pollutant. States must develop TMDLs approved by USEPA to address the impairments. A TMDL is the maximum amount of a pollutant a waterbody can assimilate and still attain water quality standards. The Los Angeles Water Board adopts the TMDLs and associated implementation plans that identifies actions that should be taken to attain water quality standards within a reasonable time schedule. When the TMDL is implemented effectively, the waterbody will attain water quality standards and be removed from the 303(d) List. TMDLs are not self-implementing, are not enforceable on their own, and do not replace existing water pollution control programs. TMDLs are only enforceable when incorporated into a regulatory program action, such as this General Order.
46. This General Order requires Dischargers to implement applicable TMDLs. The TMDLs listed in table 1 above assign load allocations to nonpoint source discharges of trash. The load allocation for all trash TMDLs is zero.
47. Adoption of these General WDRs constitutes a “project” pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. The Los Angeles Water Board is the lead agency for this project under CEQA. On September 9, 2020, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted a conditional waiver, waiving WDRs for discharges of waste from irrigated agricultural lands in the Los Angeles Region (2020 Waiver). When the 2020 waiver was adopted, the Los Angeles Water Board also adopted an initial study and Mitigated Negative Declaration finding that adoption of the Waiver of WDRs for discharges of trash from nonpoint sources, as mitigated, would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment (2020 Mitigated Negative Declaration). The 2020 Mitigated Negative Declaration described the potential environment impacts associated with implementation of the terms and conditions of the 2020 Waiver, including but limited implementation of water quality management practices and monitoring provisions.
48. Under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15162, subsequent environmental review is only required where the lead agency determines, based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record, that 1) there are substantial changes proposed to the project that will require major revisions of the previous negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously

identified significant effects 2) there are substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects or 3) there is new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known, when the prior negative declaration was adopted that triggers subsequent environmental review under CEQA.

49. This Order is substantially similar to the 2020 Conditional Waiver and continues the program, with the only difference being a change in nomenclature for some program components and minor changes to reporting requirements. Where a prior environmental review document has been prepared, subsequent environmental review is only required if one of the conditions in CEQA Guidelines section 15162 is met. The new or revised requirements will neither result in any new significant environmental impacts nor substantially increase the severity of previously-disclosed impacts. Nor are there substantial changes in the surrounding circumstances which would require major revisions to the 2020 Mitigated Negative Declaration or new information of "substantial importance", as that term is used in the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, the 2020 Negative Declaration for the 2020 Conditional Waiver constitutes the environmental analysis under CEQA for this Order and no subsequent environmental document is required pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15162.
50. Water Code section 189.7 requires the Los Angeles Water Board to engage in equitable, culturally relevant community outreach to promote meaningful civil engagement from potentially impacted communities of proposed discharges of waste that may have disproportionate impacts on water quality in disadvantaged communities or tribal communities and ensure that outreach and engagement shall continue throughout the waste discharge planning, policy, and permitting processes. Water Code section 13149.2(c) requires regional water boards to make a concise programmatic finding on potential environmental justice, tribal impact, and racial equity consideration related to the issuance of any regional WDRs. This General Order satisfies the requirements of Water Codes section 189.7 and 13149.2(c) as discussed in section 9.3 of the Staff Report.
51. In adopting this order, the Los Angeles Water Board has considered Water Code Section 106.3, which states that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This General Order advances the human right expressed in Water Code section 106.3 because it 1) requires dischargers to implement management practices to meet water quality objectives intended to protect water for municipal and domestic uses and 2) aligns the protection of

beneficial uses with the human right to water to ensure the benefit of present and future generations by addressing discharges “that could threaten human health by causing or contributing to pollution or contamination of water sources of waters of the state.”

52. On March 7, 2017, the State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2017-0012 Comprehensive Response to Climate Change. The State Water Board resolved to mitigate greenhouse gases through reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving ecosystem resilience, responding to climate change impacts, relying on sound modeling and analyses, providing funding sources, outreach, and improving programmatic administration. On May 10, 2018, the Los Angeles Water Board also adopted “A Resolution to Prioritize Actions to Adapt to and Mitigate the Impacts of Climate Change on the Los Angeles Region’s Water Resources and Associated Beneficial Uses” (Resolution No. R18-004). The resolution summarizes the steps taken so far to address the impacts of climate change within the Los Angeles Water Board’s programs and lists a series of steps to move forward. These include the identification of potential regulatory adaptation and mitigation measures that could be implemented on a short-term and long-term basis by each of the Los Angeles Water Board’s programs to take into account, and assist in mitigating where possible, the effects of climate change on water resources and associated beneficial uses.
53. Current and future impacts of climate change include increasing frequency of extreme weather events, heat waves, and more frequent and longer droughts, which have consequent effect on water quality and water availability. Examples of water quality impacts include, but are not limited to, dry periods and drought lowering stream flow and reducing dilution of pollutant discharges and more trash disbursements caused when an intense rainfall event occurs. Climate change also affects wildlife habitat. These climate change impacts will affect open space areas subject to nonpoint source pollution and therefore the Regional Board’s program activities. This General Order requires responsible entities to implement management practices to reduce trash pollution in waterbodies in order to meet the water quality benchmarks. Implementation of management practices improves water quality that could be impaired by climate change. This General Order encourages practices that capture trash before release to waterbodies which may reduce the need for other mechanized removal practices fueled by fossil fuels and therefore may help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

V. RATIONALE FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF TRASH FROM NONPOINT SOURCES

54. The Los Angeles Water Board adopted a Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Trash from Nonpoint Source Areas on September 10, 2020 for a five-year term.
55. The goal of this General Order is to improve and protect water quality and attain Water Quality Objectives in waters of the state by providing a program to regulate and manage discharges of trash from nonpoint source areas that builds upon the knowledge gained from implementation of the previous waiver and previous voluntary implementations of regional trash TMDLs.
56. This General Order differs from previous orders because it serves as General WDRs rather than a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements.
57. This General Order conforms to Water Code sections 13260, 13263, and 13269 and fulfills the requirements set forth in these sections. The General Order is in the public interest because it provides for efficient and effective use of Los Angeles Water Board resources to regulate nonpoint source discharges of trash assigned load allocations by the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs. This Order contains conditions, such as BMPs and trash collection, to ensure that discharges of trash from nonpoint sources do not adversely affect the beneficial uses of the waterbodies subject to the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs. This Order includes monitoring provisions to be implemented through NSTARPs and PACs.
58. This General Order is consistent with applicable water quality control plans because it requires compliance with the water quality objectives and TMDLs set forth in the Basin Plan. This Order reflects the implementation requirements specified in the ten Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs that are included in Chapter 7 of the Basin Plan, as well as the implementation guidance contained in the U.S. EPA-established TMDLs, by requiring implementation of PAC/BMP programs to achieve compliance with applicable water quality objectives and implementation provisions. Detailed requirements for the PAC/BMP programs specific to each of the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs are provided in the Specific Provisions section of this Order.
59. This General Order constitutes a nonpoint source implementation program and is consistent with the five key elements required by the Nonpoint Source Policy.
(1) This Order will result in attainment of water quality objectives for trash in the Basin Plan and protection of beneficial uses through the development of a NSTARP and implementation of an PAC/BMP program. This Order is consistent with State Water Board Resolution 68-16 ("Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California") because it does

not authorize degradation of any high-quality waters. To the extent any waters covered by this Order are considered high quality, this Order maintains and improves existing water quality through the establishment and enforcement of conditions that will reduce discharges of trash from nonpoint sources and implement TMDL load allocations. (2) Responsible entities for nonpoint sources of trash subject to this Order are required to describe, select, and verify implementation of the management measures (referred to herein as BMPs) to attain load allocations through their NSTARPs. (3) Compliance with this Order's requirements is required upon its effective date. (4) NSTARPs are required by this Order to assess the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program in preventing trash from accumulating between PAC events, propose enhanced BMPs, and revise the PAC/BMP program if needed to attain TMDL load allocations. Detailed requirements for the PAC/BMP programs specific to each of the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs are provided in the Specific Provisions section of this Order. (5) These General WDRs contain a Compliance and Enforcement section detailing the consequences of failing to implement the requirements.

60. All requirements for monitoring and reporting in this Order are consistent with Water Code sections 13267 and 13260. These monitoring and reporting requirements are necessary to evaluate compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order and the effectiveness of any measures or actions taken pursuant to this Order. Monitoring is also a key component of the PAC/BMP program and is necessary to ensure attainment of the load allocations in the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs. The burden of preparing technical and monitoring reports in accordance with these monitoring and reporting requirements is reasonable given that the entities responsible for nonpoint source discharges of trash in the Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL, Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL, Machado Lake Trash TMDL, Santa Monica Bay Debris TMDL, Santa Clara River Lakes Trash TMDL, Legg Lake Trash TMDL, and Ventura River Estuary Trash TMDL have already been monitoring trash under the PAC/BMP programs for over 15 years. Therefore, the burden, including costs, of these reports bears a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and the benefits to be obtained from the reports.

VI. SCOPE OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM NONPOINT SOURCES

61. This General Order applies to discharges of trash from nonpoint source areas.
62. This General Order does not apply to discharges that are subject to the NPDES permit program under the federal Clean Water Act and does not relieve dischargers of the obligation to apply for an NPDES permit if required.

63. This General Order does not preempt or supersede the authority of municipalities, flood control agencies, or other agencies to prohibit, restrict, or control discharges of waste subject to their jurisdiction.
64. This General Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & Game Code section 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. section 1531 to 1544).

VII. GENERAL FINDINGS

65. The Findings of this General Order, supplemental information and details in the Staff Report, and the administrative record of the Los Angeles Water Board relevant to the trash TMDLs, were considered in establishing these WDRs. The Staff Report, which contains background information and rationale for the requirements in this General Order, is hereby incorporated into and constitutes Findings for this General Order.
66. Pursuant to Water Code section 13263(g), discharge of waste to waters of the state is a privilege, not a right, and adoption of this General Order establishing General WDRs, and the receipt of a Notice of Applicability from the Executive Officer, does not create a vested right to continue the discharge.
67. The Los Angeles Water Board has notified interested agencies and persons of its intent to adopt WDRs as described in this General Order and has provided them with an opportunity to submit written comments and recommendations regarding the tentative requirements. This notice complied with the requirements of Government Code section 11125.
 - a. On October 6, 2025, the Los Angeles Water Board released tentative General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Trash from Nonpoint Sources in Waterbodies Subject to Total Maximum Daily for public review and comment.
68. The Los Angeles Water Board, in a public meeting on December 18, 2025, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharges to be regulated under this General Order and to the tentative requirements of the General WDRs.
69. Any person aggrieved by this action of the Los Angeles Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of adoption of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day

following the date of this General Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions will be provided upon request or may be found on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality.

70. As specified in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2511(a), discharges covered by the General WDRs established by this General Order are exempt from the provisions of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, Division. 3, Chapter 15, Discharge of Hazardous Waste to Land.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

In order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the Water Code and regulations adopted there under, and those of the Los Angeles Water Board's Basin Plan, the Los Angeles Water Board hereby requires waste discharge requirements for discharges of trash from nonpoint sources in waterbodies subject to the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs. Responsible entities enrolled in this General Order, their agents, successors, and assigns, must comply with the following terms and conditions to meet the provisions contained in Water Code Division 7 and regulations, plans, and policies adopted thereunder.

VIII. APPLICABILITY

1. This Order applies to nonpoint source discharges of trash assigned load allocations in the following TMDLs:
 - San Gabriel River East Fork Trash TMDL
 - Los Angeles River Trash TMDL
 - Ballona Creek Trash TMDL
 - Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL
 - Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL
 - Machado Lake Trash TMDL
 - Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL
 - Lake Elizabeth, Munz Lake, and Lake Hughes Trash TMDLs
 - Legg Lake Trash TMDL
 - Ventura River Estuary Trash TMDL
 - Echo Park, Peck Road Park Lake, and Lincoln Park Lake Trash TMDLs

IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2. Responsible entities shall comply with the load allocations and implementation requirements described in each of the applicable Trash TMDLs.

3. Responsible entities shall implement PAC/BMP programs approved by the Executive Officer. Under the PAC/BMP programs, dischargers shall collect, assess, and dispose of all trash found in the water and other areas subject to the TMDL (e.g. shorelines, channels, and/or source areas of the waterbodies) and shall implement BMPs to reduce the amount of trash that accumulates between assessment and collection events as specified in the Specific Provisions.
4. Unless otherwise requested in the NSTARP (and subject to Executive Officer review and approval), the first annual NSTARP reports shall be due June 30, 2026 and include at a minimum the previously unreported data collected through September 10, 2025. The collection of this data was required by Order R4-2020-0112.
5. All subsequent annual NSTARP reports shall report data for the period covering July 1st of each calendar year to June 30th of the following calendar year and shall be submitted by December 15th of that calendar year. An alternative reporting period and reporting date may be requested in the NSTARP and is subject to review and approval.
6. Annual NSTARP reports shall be submitted electronically. All annual NSTARP reports must contain an appendix that includes a narrative summary document of the report. At a minimum the appendix must include dates of PAC/BMP events, a table of trash collected data, and any deviations from the approved plan. The appendix shall satisfy all Priority 1, 2, and 3 guidelines for "AA" compliance of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2, so that annual summary documents may be posted to the Los Angeles Water Board website.
7. In addition to the annual submittal of annual NSTARP reports, all responsible entities shall also submit data collected as part of PAC/BMP programs to the Los Angeles Water Board in California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN) compatible electronic tabular format.

X. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

8. San Gabriel River East Fork Trash TMDL
 - a. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), is the sole responsible entity for implementing the PAC/BMP program for the San Gabriel River East Fork Trash TMDL.
 - b. The PAC/BMP Program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:

- 1) Downstream of each of the four informal picnic areas adjacent to East Fork Road² once per month during the peak use season (June-September) and every other month during the rest of the year in the source areas, in the water, and along the shoreline.
- c. There shall be zero trash immediately following each PAC event.
- d. The PAC/BMP program shall include an initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to the East Fork of the San Gabriel River.
- e. The PAC/BMP program shall include additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results from the previous year, as reported in the NSTARP annual report, show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affects beneficial uses between PAC events.
- f. USFS shall submit a NSTARP for Executive Officer approval within three months of the effective date of this Order. The NSTARP shall include:
 - 1) A process for assessment and quantification of trash collected from the water, shoreline, and adjacent land areas during PAC events.
 - 2) Details of the frequency, location, and reporting of PAC events.
 - 3) A metric (e.g., weight, volume, pieces of trash) to measure the amount of trash collected during each PAC event.
 - 4) Assessment and collection protocols based on the State Water Board's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols approved by the Executive Officer.
 - 5) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP program shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where personnel are prohibited.
 - 6) A process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.

² The TMDL identifies the following informal picnic areas: 1) The flats downstream of Follows Camp: Approximately 16 acres located about 2.6 miles east of Highway 39; 2) Oak Park vicinity: Approximately 9 acres located about 4.8 miles east of Highway 39; 3) Eldoradoville vicinity: Approximately 5 acres located around the confluence of East Fork with Cattle Canyon Creek, about 6 miles east of Highway 39; and 4) Coyote Flats: Approximately 9 acres located near the East Fork Ranger Station, about 6.5 miles east of Highway 39. (Administrative Record for the San Gabriel River East Fork Trash TMDL, p. 5.)

- 7) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to the East Fork of the San Gabriel River.
- g. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, Responsible Entities with a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan may affirm by letter to the Los Angeles Water Board that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:
 - 1)The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
 - 2)Future annual monitoring reports will include an appendix in accessible format containing a summary of the report with data tables as required in IX.6.
 - 3)Submission of annual monitoring reports will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.
- h. USFS shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:
 - 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
 - 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
 - 3) An analysis of the results of PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 4) USFS may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.
- i. The Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:

- 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
- 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend and a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
- 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

9. Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL

- a. Responsible entities for implementing the PAC/BMP program for the Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL are the City of Camarillo, landowners and agencies in the vicinity of Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash, including the County of Ventura, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, City of Camarillo, City of Oxnard, and Agricultural entities in the Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash subwatersheds.
- b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:
 - 1) Twice per month on Revolon Slough and its adjacent land areas at Wood Road (the end of the concrete-lined channel).
 - 2) Twice per month on the water, shoreline, and channels of Beardsley Wash and Revolon Slough in areas under the jurisdiction of the County of Ventura and agricultural lands.
 - 3) Twice per month at outlets on the north side of Camarillo Hills Drain between Las Posas Road and Wood Road.
 - 4) Monthly on Las Posas Estate Drain between Central Avenue and the 101 Freeway.
 - 5) Monthly at the inlet to the North Ramona Place Drain debris basin.
 - 6) Monthly at the inlet to Beardsley Wash at Wright Road and the adjacent land areas.
 - 7) All Drains listed above will also be cleaned within one week of every storm event greater than 1 inch of rain
- c. There shall be zero trash immediately following each PAC event.
- d. The PAC/BMP program shall include an initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management

practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash.

- e. The PAC/BMP program shall include additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results from the previous year, as reported in the NSTARP annual report, show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- f. Responsible entities for the Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL shall submit an NSTARP for Executive Officer approval within three months of the effective date of this Order. The NSTARP shall include:
 - 1) A process for assessment and quantification of trash collected from the water, shoreline, and channels of Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash, adjacent land areas, outlets, and drains during PAC events.
 - 2) Details of the frequency, location, and reporting of PAC events.
 - 3) A metric (e.g., weight, volume, pieces of trash) to measure the amount of trash collected during each PAC event.
 - 4) PAC protocols shall be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols approved by the Executive Officer.
 - 5) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP program shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where personnel are prohibited.
 - 6) A process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 7) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash.
- g. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, Responsible Entities with a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan may affirm by letter to the Los Angeles Water Board that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:

- i. The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
 - ii. Future annual monitoring reports will include an appendix in accessible format containing a summary of the report with data tables as required in IX.6.
 - iii. Submission of annual monitoring report will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.
- h. Responsible entities for the Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:
 - 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
 - 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
 - 3) An analysis of the results of PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 4) Responsible entities may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.
- i. The Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:
 - 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
 - 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
 - 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

10. Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL

- a. Responsible entities for implementing the PAC/BMP program for the Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL are the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the County of Los Angeles, the County of Ventura, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Cities of Malibu, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, and Calabasas, and land owners in the vicinity of listed waterbodies in the Malibu Creek Watershed.
- b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows³:

Malibu Creek (from Malibu Lagoon to Malibou Lake)

- 1) Within the City of Malibu: the waterbody, shoreline, and areas adjacent to Malibu Creek: once per week and within 72 hours after critical conditions.
- 2) Within the County of Los Angeles and State Parks: the waterbody, shoreline, and areas adjacent to Malibu Creek: once per month, and within 72 hours after critical conditions.

Malibu Lagoon

- 3) The waterbody, shoreline, beach, and areas adjacent to Malibu Lagoon: twice per week during the high visitation season from May 15 through October 15, once per week from October 15 through May 15, and within 72 hours after critical conditions.

Malibou Lake

- 4) Once per month and within 72 hours after critical conditions for the waterbody, shoreline, and adjacent lands.

Medea Creek Reach 1 (Malibou Lake to confluence with Lindero Creek)

- 5) Twice per month and within 72 hours after critical conditions for the waterbody, shoreline, and adjacent areas.

Medea Creek Reach 2 (above confluence)

- 6) Once per week and within 72 hours after critical conditions on the waterbody, shoreline, and adjacent areas from the confluence with Lindero Creek to the intersection with Thousand Oaks Blvd.

³For the purposes of section six, critical conditions are high wind events, which are defined as periods of wind advisories issued by the National Weather Service.

- 7) Twice per month and within 72 hours after critical conditions above the intersection with Thousand Oaks Blvd.

Lindero Creek Reach 1 (Confluence with Medea Creek to Lake Lindero)

- 8) Once per week and within 72 hours after critical conditions for Lindero Creek Reach 1 including the waterbody, shoreline, and adjacent areas.

Lindero Creek Reach 2 (Above Lake Lindero)

- 9) Twice per month and within 72 hours after critical conditions for Lindero Creek Reach 2 including the waterbody, shoreline, and adjacent areas.

Lake Lindero

- 10) Twice per month and within 72 hours after critical conditions for the waterbody, shoreline, and adjacent land.

Las Virgenes Creek

- 11) Within the state parks northerly to the intersection with Mulholland Highway: once per month and within 72 hours after critical conditions.

- 12) Once per week and within 72 hours after critical conditions for the waterbody, shoreline, and adjacent areas between Mulholland Highway and Juan Bautista De Anza Park at Los Hills Road in the City of Calabasas.

- 13) Twice per week for the waterbody, shoreline, and adjacent areas for the rest of the City of Calabasas.

- 14) Once per month and within 72 hours after critical conditions for the section in Los Angeles County along the Ventura Freeway.

- 15) Within Ventura County: once every two months and within 72 hours after critical conditions for the waterbody, shoreline, and adjacent areas.

- c. There shall be zero trash after each PAC event.
- d. The PAC/BMP program shall include an initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to the Malibu Creek Watershed.
- e. The PAC/BMP program shall include additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results from the previous year, as reported in the NSTARP annual report, show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.

f. Responsible entities for the Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL shall submit a NSTARP for Executive Officer approval within three months of the effective date of this Order. The NSTARP shall include:

- 1) A process for assessment and quantification of trash collected from the water, shoreline, and adjacent land areas in the Malibu Creek Watershed during PAC events.
- 2) Details of the frequency, location, and reporting of PAC events.
- 3) A metric (e.g., weight, volume, pieces of trash) to measure the amount of trash collected during each PAC event.
- 4) PAC protocols shall be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols proposed by dischargers and approved by the Executive Officer.
- 5) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where personnel are prohibited.
- 6) A process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 7) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Malibu Creek Watershed.

j. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, Responsible Entities with a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan may affirm by letter to the Los Angeles Water Board that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:

- 1) The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
- 2) Future annual monitoring reports will include an appendix in accessible format containing a summary of the report with data tables as required in IX.6.

3) Submission of annual monitoring report will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.

g. Responsible entities for the Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:

- 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
- 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
- 3) An analysis of the results of PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 4) Responsible entities may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.

h. Based on annual reports, the Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:

- 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
- 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
- 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

11. Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL

- a. Responsible entities for implementing the PAC/BMP program for the Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL are:

- 1) For non-beach open space and/or parks: the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the County of Los Angeles, the County of Ventura, and the State Lands Commission⁴; and
- 2) For beaches and harbors: the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors and the Cities of Hermosa Beach, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Redondo Beach.

b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:

Beaches and Harbors along Santa Monica Bay

- 1) Trash from nonpoint source areas of beaches and harbors shall be collected daily. A routine trash generation rate evaluation shall be conducted at the nonpoint source areas of selected beaches or harbors at the frequency specified in the NSTARP. The evaluation shall be performed in the late afternoon before dusk to determine the amount of trash deposited in a day.
- 2) Trash on Santa Monica Bay shorelines shall be collected daily. An assessment shall immediately follow shoreline collection events at the frequency specified in the NSTARP to document the amount of trash collected and that no trash remains.
- 3) Trash in harbor waters shall be collected at the frequency specified in the NSTARP, including during critical conditions as defined in the NSTARP. An assessment shall immediately follow collection events at the frequency specified in the NSTARP.
- 4) Compliance for entities responsible for beaches and harbors is determined by the following criteria:
 - A) The shoreline/harbor PAC events shall demonstrate that no trash remains.
 - B) The trash generation rate evaluations at the nonpoint source areas of beaches and harbors shall not show an increasing trend nor exceed the benchmark of 310 pounds (lbs) per mile of beach/harbor per day or 113,150 lbs/mile/year. Responsible entities shall initiate additional BMPs as specified in the NSTARP annual report should

⁴ The State Lands Commission is named as a responsible party in the Santa Monica Bay Debris TMDL. However, State Lands Commission does not own or have jurisdiction over any park or non-beach open space in the Santa Monica Bay watershed. State Lands Commission is therefore not required to implement the requirements of this section.

trash amounts collected during the source area evaluations exceed 113,150 lbs/mile/year or not indicate a decreasing trend.

Non-Beach Open Space and Parks

- 1) Trash at non-beach open space and parks shall be collected within 72 hours after critical conditions and immediately after special events, when no safety hazards exist.
- 2) Compliance for entities responsible for non-beach open space and parks is determined by the following criteria:
 - A) There shall be no trash remaining after each PAC event.
 - B) The trash amount accumulated between PAC events shall not exceed the load allocations of 640 gallons per square mile per year (gal/mi²/yr) or 162,468 lbs/mi²/yr, and shall show a decreasing trend.
 - C) Responsible entities shall increase the frequency of collection and/or implement additional BMPs should trash amounts collected at PAC events do not indicate a decreasing trend.
- c. Responsible entities for the Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL shall submit a NSTARP for Executive Officer approval within three months of the effective date of this order. The NSTARP shall include:
 - 3) The protocols for conducting the PAC events and the trash generation rate evaluations, including methods, frequencies and specific locations.
 - 4) Protocols may be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols proposed by dischargers and approved by the Executive Officer.
 - 5) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP program shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where access by personnel is prohibited.
 - 6) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events and trash generation rate evaluations based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to the beaches and harbors and non-beach open space and parks.
- k. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, Responsible Entities with a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan may affirm by letter to the Los Angeles Water Board that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the

approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:

- 1) The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
- 2) Future annual monitoring reports will include an appendix in accessible format containing a summary of the report with data tables as required in IX.6.
- 3) Submission of annual monitoring report will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.

d. Responsible entities for the Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:

- 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
- 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event and trash generation rate evaluation from the previous year.
- 3) An analysis of the results of the trash generation rate evaluations from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between evaluations if results show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between evaluations.
- 4) An analysis of the results of the PAC events at non-beach open space and parks from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affects beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 5) Responsible entities may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.

e. Based on annual reports, the Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:

- 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events or trash generation rate evaluations.

- 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
- 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
- 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

12. Machado Lake Trash TMDL

- a. The City of Los Angeles is the sole responsible entity for implementing the PAC/BMP program for the Machado lake Trash TMDL.
- b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:
 - 1) Five days per week on the shoreline of Machado Lake and in the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, as defined in the NSTARP.
 - 2) Twice per week on the waters of Machado Lake.
- c. There shall be zero trash immediately following each PAC event.
- d. The PAC/BMP program shall include an initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Machado Lake.
- e. The PAC/BMP program shall include additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results from the previous year, as reported in the NSTARP annual report, show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affects beneficial uses between PAC events.
- f. The City of Los Angeles shall submit a NSTARP within three months of the effective date this Order, adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board in Resolution No. R19-004. The NSTARP shall include:
 - 1) A process for assessment and quantification of trash collected from the water and shoreline of Machado Lake and the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park during PAC events.
 - 2) Details of the frequency, location, and reporting of PAC events.
 - 3) A metric (e.g., weight, volume, pieces of trash) to measure the amount of trash collected during each PAC event.

- 4) PAC protocols shall be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment, or alternative protocols proposed by the City of Los Angeles and approved by the Executive Officer.
- 5) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP program shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where personnel are prohibited.
- 6) A process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 7) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park.

g. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, the City of Los Angeles may affirm a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan to the Los Angeles Water Board by letter stating that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:

- i. The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
- ii. Future annual monitoring reports will include an appendix in accessible format containing a summary of the report with data tables as required in IX.6.
- iii. Submission of annual monitoring report will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.

h. The City of Los Angeles shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:

- 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
- 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
- 3) An analysis of the results of PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or

an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.

- 4) The City of Los Angeles may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.
 - i. The Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:
 - 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
 - 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
 - 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

13. Legg Lake Trash TMDL

- a. The County of Los Angeles is the sole responsible entity for implementing the PAC/BMP program for the Legg Lake Trash TMDL.
- b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:
 - 1) Five days per week on the shoreline and in the Whittier Narrows Recreation Park Area, as defined in the NSTARP.
 - 2) Once per week on waters of Legg Lake.
- c. There shall be zero trash immediately following each PAC event.
- d. The PAC/BMP program shall include an initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Legg Lake.
- e. The PAC/BMP program shall include additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results from the previous year, as reported in the NSTARP annual report, show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affects beneficial uses between PAC events.

f. The County of Los Angeles shall submit a NSTARP for Executive Officer approval within three months of the effective date of this Order. The NSTARP shall include:

- 1) A process for assessment and quantification of trash collected from the water and shoreline of Legg Lake and the Whittier Narrows Recreation Park Area during PAC events.
- 2) Details of the frequency, location, and reporting of PAC events.
- 3) A metric (e.g., weight, volume, pieces of trash) to measure the amount of trash collected during each PAC event.
- 4) PAC protocols shall be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols approved by the Executive Officer.
- 5) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP program shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where personnel are prohibited.
- 6) A process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 7) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Legg Lake.

I. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, the County of Los Angeles may affirm a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan by letter to the Los Angeles Water Board stating that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:

- 1) The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
- 2) Future annual monitoring reports will include an appendix in accessible format containing a summary of the report with data tables as required in IX.6.
- 3) Submission of annual monitoring report will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.

- g. The County of Los Angeles shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:
 - 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
 - 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
 - 3) An analysis of the results of PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 4) The County of Los Angeles may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.
- h. The Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:
 - 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
 - 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
 - 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

14. Lake Elizabeth, Munz Lake and Lake Hughes Trash TMDL (Santa Clara River Lakes Trash TMDL)

- a. The National Forest Service is the sole responsible entity for implementing the PAC/BMP program for the Lake Elizabeth, Munz Lake, and Lake Hughes Trash TMDL.
- b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:
 - 1) Once per week on the water, shoreline, and the adjacent land areas of Lake Elizabeth and Lake Hughes where they are publicly accessible, as defined in the NSTARP, during May 15 through October 15. Once per month for areas with limited access.

- 2) Once per month on the water, shoreline, and the adjacent land areas of Lake Elizabeth and Lake Hughes, as defined in the NSTARP, from October 15 to May 15.
- 3) Within one week after each storm event with one inch of rain or greater, and after each wind advisory on the water, shoreline, and the adjacent land areas of Lake Elizabeth and Lake Hughes.
 - c. There shall be zero trash immediately following each PAC event.
 - d. The PAC/BMP program shall include an initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Lake Elizabeth and Lake Hughes.
 - e. The PAC/BMP program shall include additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results from the previous year, as reported in the NSTARP annual report, show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affects beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - f. Responsible entities shall submit a NSTARP for Executive Officer approval within three months of the effective date of this Order. The NSTARP shall include:
 - 1) A process for assessment and quantification of trash collected from the water and shoreline of Lake Elizabeth and Lake Hughes.
 - 2) Details of the frequency, location, and reporting of PAC events.
 - 3) A metric (e.g., weight, volume, pieces of trash) to measure the amount of trash collected during each PAC event.
 - 4) PAC protocols shall be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols approved by the Executive Officer.
 - 5) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP program shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where personnel are prohibited.
 - 6) A process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 7) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Legg Lake.

- g. Responsible entities shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:
 - 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
 - 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
 - 3) An analysis of the results of PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 4) Responsible entities may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.
- h. The Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:
 - 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
 - 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
 - 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

15. Ventura River Estuary Trash TMDL

- a. Responsible entities for implementing the PAC/BMP program for the Ventura River Estuary Trash TMDL are the City of Ventura, Ventura County, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and agricultural dischargers.
- b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:
 - 1) Once per week for the sandy beach area between the estuary and the ocean and along the bike path between May 15 and October 15. Once per month for the rest of the year.

- 2) Within one week after each storm event with one inch of rain or greater at the Front Street storm drain, which discharges under the eastern levee, 50-feet north of the railroad tracks.
- 3) Quarterly for other areas of the estuary below the U.S. 101 Freeway.
- 4) After major public events that occur in the Ventura County Fairground that charge an admission price and are attended by greater than 7,000 people.

- c. There shall be zero trash immediately following each PAC event.
- d. The PAC/BMP program shall include an initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to the Ventura River Estuary.
- e. The PAC/BMP program shall include additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results from the previous year, as reported in the NSTARP annual report, show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affects beneficial uses between PAC events.
- f. Responsible entities shall submit a within three months of the effective date of this Order. The NSTARP shall include:
 - 1) A process for assessment and quantification of trash collected from the water and shoreline of the Ventura River Estuary.
 - 2) Details of the frequency, location, and reporting of PAC events.
 - 3) A metric (e.g., weight, volume, pieces of trash) to measure the amount of trash collected during each PAC event.
 - 4) PAC protocols shall be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols approved by the Executive Officer.
 - 5) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP program shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where personnel are prohibited.
 - 6) A process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 7) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to the Ventura River Estuary.

m. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, Responsible Entities with a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan may affirm by letter to the Los Angeles Water Board that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:

- 1) The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
- 2) Future annual monitoring reports will include an appendix in accessible format containing a summary of the report with data tables as required in IX.6.
- 3) Submission of annual monitoring report will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.

g. Responsible entities shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:

- 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
- 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
- 3) An analysis of the results of PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 4) Responsible entities may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.

h. The Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:

- 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.

- 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
- 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

16. Los Angeles River Watershed Trash TMDL

- a. Responsible entities for implementing the PAC/BMP program for the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL are the County of Los Angeles; the Cities of Arcadia, Bell Gardens, Burbank, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maywood, Montebello, Pasadena, Pico Rivera, and Rosemead; the Los Angeles Equestrian Center; the Mountains Recreation and Conversation Authority; the San Gabriel Country Club; and the Arcadia Golf Course.
- b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum locations of trash assessment and collection are identified in Appendix 1. The initial minimum frequency of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:
 - 1) Within 72 hours after critical conditions and immediately after special events when no safety hazards exist.
- c. Compliance is determined by the following criteria:
 - 1) There shall be no trash remaining after each PAC event.
 - 2) The trash amount accumulated between PAC events shall not exceed the load allocations of 640 gallons per square mile per year (gal/mi²/yr) and shall not show an increasing trend.
 - 3) Responsible entities shall increase the frequency of collection and/or implement additional BMPs, if trash amounts collected at PAC events indicate an increasing trend.
- d. Responsible entities for the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL shall submit a NSTARP for Executive Officer approval within three months of the effective date of this Order. The NSTARP shall include:
 - 1) The protocols for conducting the PAC events, including methods, frequencies and specific locations.
 - 2) PAC protocols may be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols proposed by dischargers and approved by the Executive Officer.

- 3) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP program shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where access by personnel is prohibited.
- 4) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in land areas that are found to be nonpoint sources of trash to the Los Angeles River and its tributaries.

n. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, Responsible Entities with a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan may affirm by letter to the Los Angeles Water Board that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:

- 1)The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
- 2)Future annual monitoring reports will include an appendix in accessible format containing a summary of the report with data tables as required in IX.6.
- 3)Submission of annual monitoring report will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.

e. Responsible entities for the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:

- 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
- 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
- 3) An analysis of the results of the PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that load allocations are not attained or trash is showing an increasing trend between PAC events.

- 4) Responsible entities may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.
- f. Based on annual reports, the Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:
 - 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
 - 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
 - 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

17. Ballona Creek Trash TMDL

- a. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is the sole responsible entity for the Ballona Creek Trash TMDL for the Ballona Wetlands portion of the TMDL.
- b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:
 - 4) Within 72 hours after critical conditions and immediately after special events when no safety hazards exist.
- c. Compliance is determined by the following criteria:
 - 1) There shall be no trash remaining after each PAC event.
 - 2) The trash amount accumulated between PAC events shall not exceed the load allocations of 640 gallons per square mile per year (gal/mi²/yr) and shall not show an increasing trend.
 - 3) The California Department of Fish and Wildlife shall increase the frequency of collection and/or implement additional BMPs, should trash amounts collected at PAC events indicate an increasing trend.
- d. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife shall submit a NSTARP for Executive Officer approval within three months of the effective date of this Order. The NSTARP shall include:
 - 1) The protocols for conducting the PAC events, including methods, frequencies and specific locations.

- 2) PAC protocols may be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols proposed by dischargers and approved by the Executive Officer.
- 3) A Health and Safety Plan to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where access by personnel is prohibited.
- 4) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to the Wetlands.
- o. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife may affirm a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan by letter to the Los Angeles Water Board stating that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:
 - 1)The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
 - 2)Future annual monitoring reports will include an appendix in accessible format containing a summary of the report with data tables as required in IX.6.
 - 3)Submission of annual monitoring report will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.
- e. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15. The annual reports shall include:
 - 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
 - 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
 - 3) An analysis of the results of the PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that load

allocations are not attained or trash is showing an increasing trend between PAC events.

- 4) The California Department of Fish and Wildlife may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.
- f. Based on annual reports, the Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:
 - 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
 - 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
 - 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

18. Echo Park Lake, Peck Road Park Lake, and Lincoln Park Lake Trash TMDLs

- a. Responsible entities for implementing the PAC/BMP program are the City of Los Angeles for Echo Park Lake and Lincoln Park Lake and the cities of Arcadia, El Monte, Irwindale, and Monrovia and the County of Los Angeles for Peck Road Park Lake.
- b. The PAC/BMP program shall include collection and disposal of all trash. The initial minimum frequency and locations of trash assessment and collection shall be as follows:

Peck Road Park Lake

- 1) Twice per week on the shoreline and the adjacent land areas of Peck Road Park Lake where they are publicly accessible, as defined in the NSTARP, particularly the shorelines with steeper slopes on the northeast side.
- 2) Once per week on the waters of Peck Road Park Lake.
- 3) Within one day on the water, shoreline, and the adjacent land areas of Peck Road Park Lake after each storm event with one inch of rain or greater and after each wind advisory.

Lincoln Park Lake Trash TMDL

- 1) Five times per week on the shoreline and the adjacent land areas of Lincoln Park Lake where they are publicly accessible, as defined in the NSTARP.
- 2) Within 72 hours on the water, shoreline, and the adjacent land areas of Lincoln Park Lake after each storm event with one inch of rain or greater and after each wind advisory.

Echo Park Lake

- 1) Three times per week on the shoreline and the adjacent land areas of Echo Park Lake where they are publicly accessible, as defined in the NSTARP.
- 2) Once per week on the waters of Echo Park Lake.
- 3) Within 72 hours on the water, shoreline, and the adjacent land areas of Echo Park Lake after each storm event with one inch of rain or greater and after each wind advisory.

g. There shall be zero trash immediately following each PAC event.

h. The PAC/BMP program shall include an initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Peck Road Park Lake, Lincoln Park Lake, and Echo Park Lake.

i. The PAC/BMP program shall include additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results from the previous year, as reported in the NSTARP annual report, show that trash is accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.

j. Responsible source entities for the Peck Road Park Lake, Lincoln Park Lake, and Echo Park Lake TMDLs shall submit a NSTARP for Executive Officer approval within three months of the effective date of this Order. The NSTARP shall include:

- 1) A process for assessment and quantification of trash collected from the water, shoreline, and adjacent land areas of Peck Road Park Lake, Lincoln Park Lake, and Echo Park Lake during PAC events.
- 2) Details of the frequency, location, and reporting of PAC events.
- 3) A metric (e.g., weight, volume, pieces of trash) to measure the amount of trash collected during each PAC event.
- 4) PAC protocols shall be based on SWAMP protocols for rapid trash assessment or alternative protocols approved by the Executive Officer.

- 5) A Health and Safety Program to protect personnel. The PAC/BMP program shall not require responsible entities to assess and collect trash from areas where personnel are prohibited.
- 6) A process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the PAC/BMP program to prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
- 7) An initial suite of BMPs to be implemented between PAC events based on current trash management practices in nonpoint source land areas that are found to be sources of trash to Peck Road Park Lake, Lincoln Park Lake, and Echo Park Lake.

p. In lieu of submitting a NSTARP, Responsible Entities with a previously approved monitoring and reporting plan may affirm by letter to the Los Angeles Water Board that the monitoring and reporting plan currently being implemented is sufficient to meet the requirements of this Order. The letter must be submitted within three months of the effective date of this Order, include a copy of the existing approved plan and documentation of the approval and must also affirm the following addendums to the existing monitoring and reporting plan:

- 1)The Responsible Entity will update program nomenclature to utilize the terms NSTARP, PAC and PAC/BMP in all future trash annual reports and correspondence required for compliance with this Order.
- 2)Future annual monitoring reports will include the California Department of Fish and Wildlife with data tables as required in IX.6.
- 3)Submission of annual monitoring report will also include data submitted in CEDEN compatible tabular electronic form as required in IX.7.

k. Responsible entities for the Peck Road Park Lake, Lincoln Park Lake, and Echo Park Lake TMDLs shall submit annual NSTARP reports on or before December 15th. The annual reports shall include:

- 1) A report of any non-compliance with PAC/BMP program requirements from the previous year.
- 2) A report on the amount of trash collected at each PAC event from the previous year.
- 3) An analysis of the results of PAC events from the previous year and a proposal for additional BMPs to be implemented between PAC events or an increased frequency of PAC events if results show that trash is

accumulating in deleterious amounts or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.

- 4) Responsible entities may request Executive Officer approval of a revised PAC/BMP program to reflect a longer interval between PAC events if results show that the amount of trash collected at PAC events is decreasing.

- I. The Executive Officer may approve or require a revised PAC/BMP program:
 - 1) To prevent trash from accumulating in deleterious amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses between PAC events.
 - 2) To reflect the results of trash assessment and collection.
 - 3) If the amount of trash collected does not show a decreasing trend, a shorter interval between PAC events or additional BMPs is warranted.
 - 4) If the amount of trash collected is decreasing, a longer interval between PAC events may be warranted.

XI. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

19. This General Order does not relieve responsible entities from the responsibility to obtain other necessary local, State, and Federal permits, nor does this Order prevent imposition of additional standards, requirements, or conditions by any other regulatory agency.
20. The responsible entities are required to meet the conditions of this Order. Failure to maintain compliance with conditions of this Order may result in enforcement including but not limited to imposition of civil liability under Water Code sections 13268 or 13350, and/or other enforcement action authorized pursuant to Water Code sections 13261, 13265, 13268, 13300, 13301, 13304, 13308, or 13340.
21. If the responsible entities fail to meet the requirements and conditions of this Order, the Executive Officer may, upon providing the responsible entities with reasonable notice and an opportunity to submit information and be heard, terminate the responsible entities' coverage under this General Order.
22. Failure to submit a report in accordance with this General Order, including any changes to the NSTARP or PAC/BMP program as approved by the Executive Officer, or failure to submit a report of sufficient technical quality to be acceptable to the Executive Officer, or failure to comply with the conditions of the General Order, may subject a Discharger to enforcement action pursuant to sections 13268 and/or 13350 of the Water Code and/or the directive to submit a ROWD to obtain individual WDRs.

23. This General Order and General WDRs shall become effective on December 18, 2025.

XII. TERMINATION

24. The Los Angeles Water Board may terminate or modify a responsible entity's coverage under this Order for cause, including, but not limited to:

1. Violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
2. Obtaining coverage under this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;
3. Endangerment to public health or environment that can only be mitigated to acceptable levels by Order modification or termination.

I, Susana Arredondo, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Order with all attachments is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on December 18, 2025.

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Executive Officer