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June 24, 2013

Mr. Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality
Control Board – Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013

Attention Ms. Renee Purdy

Dear Mr. Unger:

**NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND
COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE
ALAMITOS BAY/LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA**

The County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District, collectively the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Group (Alamitos Bay/LCC Group), is submitting the enclosed Notice of Intent to notify the California Regional Water Quality Control Board of the Alamitos Bay/LCC Group's commitment to develop a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP). The Alamitos Bay/LCC Group agrees to this approach in fulfilling the requirements of Order No. R4-2012-0175 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit).

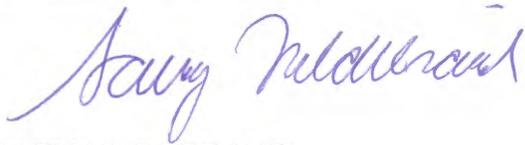
The enclosed Notice of Intent fulfills the WMP notifications requirements provided in Section VI.C.4.b of the MS4 Permit and the CIMP notification requirements provided in Attachment E Section IV.C.1 of the MS4 Permit. The Alamitos Bay/LCC Group looks forward to developing the WMP and CIMP in collaboration with the Technical Advisory Committee and other stakeholders within the Alamitos Bay and Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Area.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (626) 458-4300 or ghildeb@dpw.lacounty.gov or your staff may contact Ms. Angela George at (626) 458-4325 or ageorge@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works



GARY HILDEBRAND
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Area Watershed Management Program and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program

Submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality
Control Board – Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Submitted by:

County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Flood Control District

June 28, 2013



1. Introduction

The County of Los Angeles (County) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), collectively the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Group (Alamitos Bay/LCC Group), respectfully submit this Notification of Intent (NOI) to develop a Watershed Management Program (WMP) for certain portions of the Alamitos Bay and Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Area (Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA) per Section VI.C.4.b.i of Order No. R4-2012-0175 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit). Additionally, the Alamitos Bay/LCC Group submits this NOI to develop a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP).

The following sections are to satisfy the requirements for NOI submittal as provided by Section VI.C.4.b of the MS4 Permit and to provide the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (LARWQCB) with additional information on the approach that the Alamitos Bay/LCC Group intends to follow for the WMP development. The Alamitos Bay/LCC Group is committed to coordinating with adjacent agencies throughout the preparation and implementation of the WMP and CIMP.

2. NOI (Section VI.C.4.b.i and Attachment E Section IV.C.1.)

The Alamitos Bay/LCC Group hereby notifies the LARWQCB by this NOI of its intention to develop a WMP for certain portions of the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA, and to submit the draft WMP no later than 18 months after the effective date of the MS4 Permit (June 28, 2014).

In addition, the Alamitos Bay/LCC Group also notifies the LARWQCB by this NOI of its intention to develop a CIMP for certain portions of the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA, and to submit the draft CIMP no later than 18 months after the effective date of the MS4 Permit (June 28, 2014).

3. Interim and Final TMDL Compliance Deadlines (Section VI.C.4.b.ii)

Table 1 lists Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that apply to the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA. There are no trash TMDLs associated with the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA, and there are no final compliance milestones or deadlines of other TMDLs occurring prior to the anticipated approval date of the WMP (April 28, 2015).

Table 1. TMDLs applicable to the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel WMA

TMDL	Resolution Number	Effective Date	EPA Approval Date
Los Cerritos Channel Metals TMDL	NA	NA	3/17/2010
Colorado Lagoon OC Pesticides, PCBs, Sediment Toxicity, PAHs, and Metals TMDL ¹	R09-005	7/28/2011	6/14/2011
Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters Toxic Pollutants TMDL	R11-008	3/23/2012	3/23/2012

¹ Although the Colorado Lagoon OC Pesticides, PCBs, Sediment Toxicity, PAHs, and Metals TMDL applies to the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel WMA, the County of Los Angeles is not designated as responsible for this TMDL per Table K-7 of the MS4 Permit

4. Geographical Scope

The Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA is approximately 24,000 acres (37.5 square miles) and consists of portions of the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount, and Signal Hill, as well as the unincorporated County. As shown in Enclosure A, the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA can be divided into three subwatersheds: the Los Cerritos Channel Freshwater watershed, the Los Cerritos Channel Estuary watershed, and the Alamitos Bay watershed. The LACFCD has facilities throughout the entire Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA. The unincorporated County area in the WMA comprises of one island near the middle of the Los Cerritos Channel Freshwater watershed. This unincorporated County island totals 95 acres (0.7 square miles) of the WMA and is completely surrounded by the City of Long Beach. The majority (91 percent) of the island's land use is high density, single-family residential, as shown in Enclosure B.

The Alamitos Bay/LCC Group will develop a WMP for certain portions of the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA. The areas that will be included in this WMP are the unincorporated County island, the LACFCD facilities within the unincorporated County island, the LACFCD facilities within the Los Cerritos Channel Estuary watershed, and the LACFCD facilities within the Alamitos Bay watershed. There is no unincorporated County area in the Alamitos Bay watershed or Los Cerritos Channel Estuary watershed.

5. Cost Estimate

It is estimated that the cost will be \$80,000 for the development of the CIMP and WMP.

6. Low Impact Development Ordinance (Section VI.C.4.b.iii.(6) and VI.C.4.c.ii.(1))

Table 2 summarizes the Alamitos Bay/LCC Group's Low Impact Development (LID) Ordinance status. As Table 2 shows, more than 50 percent of the land area within the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA WMP Group is addressed by an LID ordinance.

Table 2. LID Ordinances

WMP Agency	Percent WMP Area	Status LID Ordinance
County	100 percent	Draft Ordinance
LACFCD	NA	NA
Total MS4 Watershed Area Covered by LID Ordinances	100 percent	

Status Description:

- Draft Ordinance – Permittee has completed or will complete by June 28, 2013, the development of a draft LID Ordinance that is in compliance with the MS4 Permit for its portion in the watershed.

7. Green Street Policy (Section VI.C.4.b.iii.(6) and VI.C.4.c.ii.(2))

Table 3 summarizes the Alamitos Bay/LCC Group's Green Street Policy status. As Table 3 shows, more than 50 percent of the land area within the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA WMP Group is addressed by a Green Street Policy that is in place or under development.

Table 3. Green Street Policy

WMP Agency	Percent WMP Area	Status Green Street Policy
County	100 percent	Draft Policy
LACFCD	NA	NA
Total MS4 Watershed Area Covered by Green Street Policy	100 percent	

Status Description:

- Draft Policy – Permittee has completed or will complete by June 28, 2013, the development of a draft Green Street Policy that is in compliance with the MS4 Permit for its portion in the watershed.

8. Implementation of Watershed Control Measures During Plan Development (Section VI.C.4.b.ii and VI.C.4.d)

No TMDLs have interim and/or final compliance milestones prior to the final approval of the WMP (April 28, 2015), and no TMDL Implementation Plans have been developed to date for the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA.

SUMMARY

This NOI for the Alamitos Bay/LCC Group WMP was developed by the County and LACFCD. Both agencies have reviewed and agreed to this NOI as evidenced by each agency's Letter of Intent. The Alamitos Bay/LCC Group believes that this NOI satisfies the requirements of the MS4 Permit, and we look forward to developing the

Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA WMP in collaboration with the Technical Advisory Committee and other watershed stakeholders.

**ENCLOSURE A –
GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND LACFCD IN THE
ALAMITOS BAY/LCC WMA WMP**

ENCLOSURE A

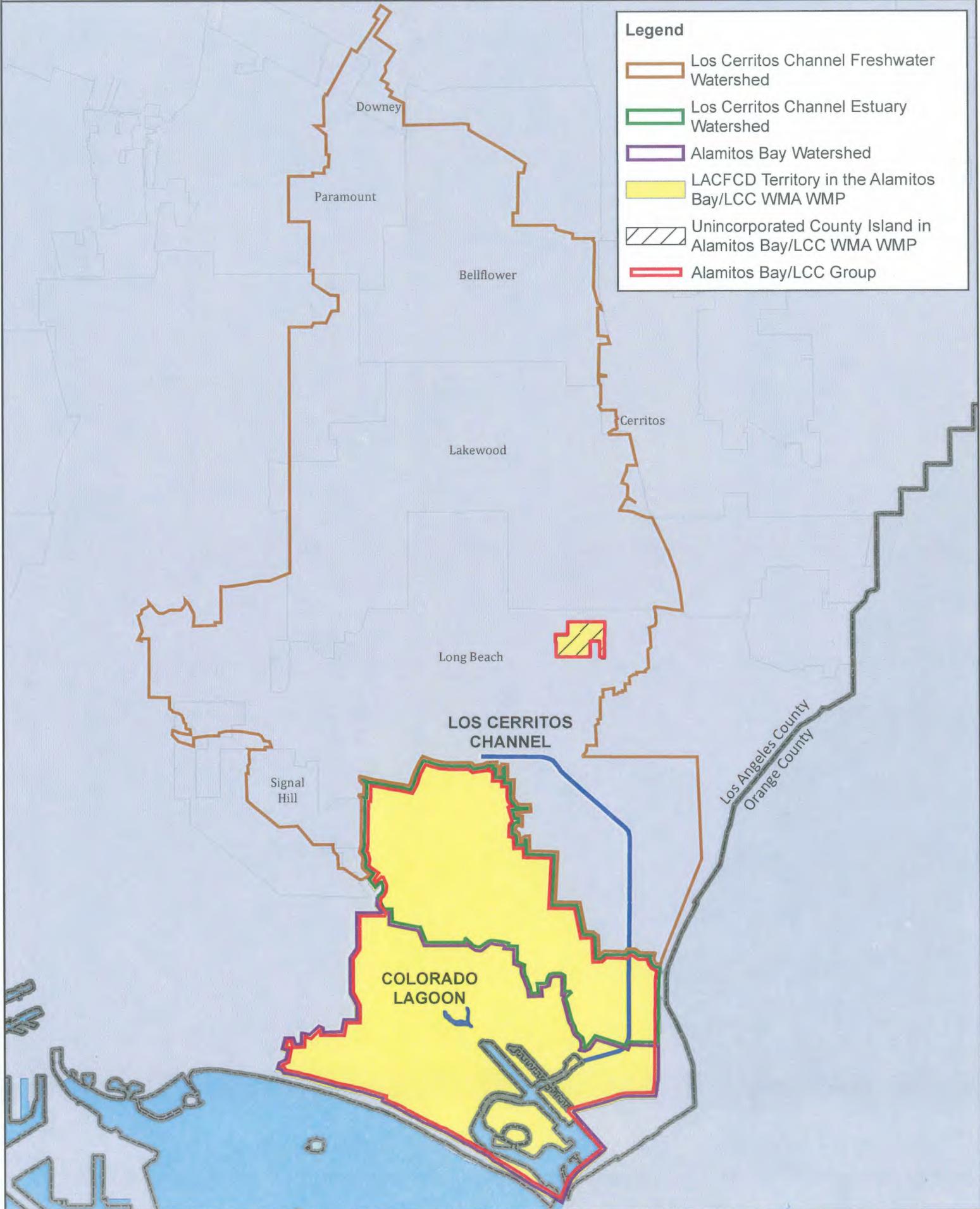
Geographical Scope of the County of Los Angeles and LACFCD in the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA



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Legend

-  Los Cerritos Channel Freshwater Watershed
-  Los Cerritos Channel Estuary Watershed
-  Alamitos Bay Watershed
-  LACFCD Territory in the Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA WMP
-  Unincorporated County Island in Alamitos Bay/LCC WMA WMP
-  Alamitos Bay/LCC Group



ENCLOSURE B –
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES UNINCORPORATED ISLAND IN
THE ALAMITOS BAY/LCC WMA



ENCLOSURE B
Unincorporated County Island in
Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Area

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Feet

Legend

-  City of Long Beach
-  Unincorporated County Island Boundary



**ENCLOSURE C –
LETTERS OF INTENT**



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Attention Ms. Renee Purdy

Dear Mr. Unger:

**LETTER OF INTENT – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ALAMITOS BAY/LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
AND COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM**

The County of Los Angeles submits this Letter of Intent to participate in and share the cost of the development of a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) with the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Group. This Letter of Intent serves to satisfy the WMP notification requirements of Section VI.C.4.b of Order No. R4-2012-0175 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit) and the CIMP requirements of Section IV.C.1 of Attachment E of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit.

The Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Group consists of the following agencies: County of Los Angeles as the coordinating agency for WMP and CIMP development and Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Angela George at (626) 458-4325 or ageorge@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Unger:

**LETTER OF INTENT – LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
ALAMITOS BAY/LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
AND COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) submits this Letter of Intent to participate in and share the cost of the development of a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) with the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Group. This Letter of Intent serves to satisfy the WMP notification requirements of Section VI.C.4.b of Order No. R4-2012-0175 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit) and the CIMP requirements of Section IV.C.1 of Attachment E of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit.

The Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Group consists of the following agencies: County of Los Angeles as the coordinating agency for WMP and CIMP development and LACFCD.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Terri Grant at (626) 458-4309 or tgrant@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District

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