



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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APPROVAL OF THE 2021 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT LIST SUBMITTED BY THE ROSE FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Dear Mr. Little:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) is the public agency of the State of California with the mission of preserving, protecting, enhancing, and restoring water quality within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. On June 15, 2018, the Regional Water Board and the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment (Rose Foundation) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish, develop, and administer a Los Angeles Regional Disadvantaged Community (DAC) supplemental environmental project (SEP) Fund.

On October 10, 2019, the Regional Water Board adopted Resolution R19-007, which approved the Rose Foundation's 2019 DAC SEP List and launched a program to promote the allocation of SEP monies to DACs in partnership with the Rose Foundation. Under the DAC SEP Program, the Rose Foundation helps DACs develop SEP proposals, proposes a list of these proposals to the Regional Water Board on an annual basis, and assists DACs and their advocates in the implementation of these SEPs by providing third-party oversight as the SEPs are funded, implemented, and completed. Under the MOU and Resolution R19-007, the Rose Foundation is directed to update the DAC SEP List annually through an open application process. Projects included in the updated DAC SEP List are eligible to be considered for a SEP once the updated List is approved.

Pursuant to the MOU and Resolution R19-007, the Rose Foundation conducted an open application process and submitted a proposed 2021 DAC SEP List to the Regional Water Board on September 20, 2020. Regional Water Board staff reviewed the proposed 2021 DAC SEP List and provided comments on October 2, 2020; the Rose Foundation submitted a revised proposed 2021 DAC SEP List on October 6, 2020.

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Annual updates to the DAC SEP List may be approved by the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer after providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the changes to the List, or the Executive Officer may propose to bring the updated List to the Regional Water Board for its consideration at one of its public meetings. On December 21, 2020, the Regional Water Board provided public notice of the proposed 2021 DAC SEP List, which was posted on the Board's website, and invited public comments on the proposed project list. The comment period deadline was January 20, 2021. No comments were received.

The Regional Water Board Executive Officer is hereby approving the 2021 DAC SEP List as proposed by the Rose Foundation. This approval does not indicate a funding commitment of any kind; instead, it allows the projects on the List to be eligible to be considered for a SEP over the next year. Enclosed please find the approved 2021 DAC SEP List. The List will also be published and be available for the public on the Regional Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/enforcement/index.html#sep

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Bobbi Valencia at (213) 620-6362 (bobbi.valencia@waterboards.ca.gov), or Ching Yin To at (213) 620-6373 (ching-yin.to@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

Enclosures:
2021 DAC SEP List

cc: (via email)
See Attached Mailing List

Mailing List

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