

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**TO:** County of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles Contract Cities, MS4 Permittees and Interested Persons

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**DATE:** September 30, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE BIOFILTRATION DESIGN SPECIFICATION PURSUANT TO PART VI.D.7.c.iii(1)(b)(i) OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)**

On October 9, 2017 the Los Angeles Water Board approved the County of Los Angeles proposal for the use of Filterra Bioretention System as an alternative biofiltration design specification for projects within the jurisdiction of the County of Los Angeles.

The County of Los Angeles provides land development review services for the cities of Carson, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Lomita, Rolling Hills Estates and Westlake Village (Contract Cities). On June 19, 2019, on behalf of the Contract Cities, the County of Los Angeles (County), submitted correspondence to the Los Angeles Water Board requesting review for the use of the Filterra Bioretention System as an alternative biofiltration design specification for projects within the jurisdiction of the Contract Cities.

Pursuant to Part VI.D.7.c.iii(1)(b)(i) of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit, projects using biofiltration as an alternative compliance measure may use alternative design specifications for on-site biofiltration systems if approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer.

### Public Review

Concurrent with the review by Los Angeles Water Board staff, the Board is soliciting public comment on the County's request. The request and supporting documentation are included as an attachment to this email. If you did not receive this email directly, please email Susana Vargas at [Susana.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Susana.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov) for the supporting documents.

Persons wishing to comment are invited to submit comments electronically as a PDF file to: [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit - Comments on Alternative Biofiltration Design (LA County Contract Cities)" with a copy to [Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov). **To be evaluated and considered by the Los Angeles Water Board Executive Officer, all written comments must be received by the Board by 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2019.** Late submittal of written comments will not be accepted or considered.

Please contact Ms. Susana Vargas of the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email or by phone at (213) 576-6688 with any questions regarding this document. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway by email or by phone at (213) 620-2150.