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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 4, 2022

Ventura County MS4 Permittees<sup>1</sup>

Via Email Only

**REVIEW OF THE NOTICES OF INTENT (NOI) TO DEVELOP A VENTURA COUNTY-WIDE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM (CIMP) AND JOIN THE MALIBU CREEK WATERSHED CIMP PURSUANT TO THE REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004004; ORDER NO. R4-2021-0105)**

Dear Ventura County MS4 Permittees:

The Regional MS4 Permit (Order No. R4-2021-0105) authorizes discharges from the MS4 operated by 99 municipal Permittees within the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (hereafter, Regional MS4 Permit or Order). The Regional MS4 Permit became effective on September 11, 2021. The Regional MS4 Permit requires the Permittee(s) to develop and implement an Integrated Monitoring Program (IMP) or Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) that achieves the requirements set forth in Attachment E of the Order (Monitoring and Reporting Program).

Pursuant to Part III.D.2.a in Attachment E of the Order, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) has received the Notices of Intent (NOIs) submitted by Ventura County MS4 Permittees on December 13, 2021 to develop a Ventura County-Wide CIMP and join the Malibu Creek CIMP.<sup>2</sup> The NOI to develop a Ventura County-Wide CIMP addresses the following watershed management areas: Calleguas Creek, Santa Clara River, Ventura River, and Miscellaneous Ventura County Coastal Watersheds. The NOI to join the Malibu Creek CIMP addresses the upper Malibu Creek subwatershed. The Los Angeles Water Board is pleased that the Ventura County MS4 Permittees are proposing to work in partnership with the Los Angeles

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<sup>1</sup> Ventura County MS4 Permittees include Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD), the County of Ventura, and the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Ventura.

<sup>2</sup> The currently approved Malibu Creek CIMP includes Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), County of Los Angeles, and the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village.

County MS4 Permittees through a single CIMP for this watershed that straddles Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. We acknowledge that if the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD), the County of Ventura, and City of Thousand Oaks are not successful in negotiations to join the Malibu Creek Watershed Management Program (WMP), the Ventura County-Wide CIMP would potentially be modified to include the upper Malibu Creek subwatershed. In addition, the intent to join the Malibu Creek WMP was included with the NOI to join the Malibu Creek CIMP and Board staff's review of the NOI to join the Malibu Creek WMP is provided under separate cover.

Pursuant to Part III.D.2.b in Attachment E of the Order, Ventura County MS4 Permittees shall submit the Ventura County-Wide CIMP and the updated Malibu Creek CIMP within 24 months after the effective date of the Order (i.e., **September 11, 2023**) for approval by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board. Instructions on how to submit the CIMP to the Los Angeles Water Board will be provided prior to the submittal deadline.

Pursuant to Part III.D.2.d in Attachment E of the Order, for Ventura County MS4 Permittees, the monitoring requirements in Order No. 2010-0108, including MRP No. CI-7388, and in the most recently approved version of the Monitoring Plans in Table E-2, Attachment E of the Order shall remain in effect until the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board approves the CIMPs.

If you have any questions, please contact Erum Razzak with the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email at [Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov) or phone at (213) 620-2095. Alternatively, you may also contact Ivar Ridgeway, Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit Supervisor by email at [Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,

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