



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 22, 2023

Via Email Only

FINAL APPROVAL OF THE NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY COASTAL WATERSHEDS GROUP'S WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (WMP) 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 Permittees of the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds Group¹:

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 allows Permittees the option to use a Watershed Management Program (WMP) to implement many of the permit's requirements through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs).

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board), approved, with conditions, the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds Group's WMP on April 28, 2023. The conditional approval letter directed the Group to submit a final WMP that satisfied all the conditions listed in the letter no later than July 31, 2023. On August 14, 2023, the Los Angeles Water Board requested the Group make modifications to the WMP to fully meet the conditions described in the April 28, 2023, conditional approval letter no later than August 31, 2023. On August 29, 2023, the Group submitted its final WMP, as directed.

After review of the Group's final WMP submitted on August 29, 2023, the Los Angeles Water Board has determined that the Group's final WMP satisfies all the conditions identified in the April 28, 2023, conditional approval letter. The Los Angeles Water Board hereby approves the final WMP submitted August 29, 2023.

The Group may propose WMP modifications at any time during the term of the Order, as necessary. The Group shall provide a standalone written request explaining the

¹ Permittees of the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds Group include the City of Malibu, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

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nature of the proposed modification(s) and justification for consideration by the Los Angeles Water Board. Such justification may include the need to align the timing of implementation for a specific project with a project partner that is not regulated by the Regional MS4 Permit.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Jessica Pearson with the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email at Jessica.Pearson@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-6786. Alternatively, you may contact Ivar Ridgeway, Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit Supervisor by email at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,

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