

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 6, 2018

Permittees of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group¹
(See Distribution List)

VIA EMAIL

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE BEACH CITIES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP'S ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (EWMP) PURSUANT TO PART VI.C.8 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175 AS AMENDED BY STATE WATER BOARD ORDER WQ 2015-0075 AND LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD ORDER R4-2012-0175-A01)

Dear Permittees of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group:

On December 15, 2017, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) received a EWMP modification request from the cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Manhattan Beach to revise their interim milestones for the Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL (SMB Debris TMDL). Initially, the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group (Group) proposed in their EWMP to meet interim compliance milestones per the SMB Debris TMDL by installing full capture devices in catch basins throughout the watershed management area. In their December 15, 2017 EWMP modification request, the Group requested an alternative interim compliance milestone to investigate the use of trash capture devices certified by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and investigate incorporating trash capture devices into regional projects and green street projects to capture upstream drainage areas consistent with the trash amendments to the California Ocean Plan. The proposed modifications to the SMB Debris TMDL interim milestones are as follows:

- Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach:
 - August 20, 2018: Determine compliance strategy for installing full capture trash systems with the possibility of incorporating full capture trash devices within planned regional projects. Report compliance strategy to the Board in December 2018.
 - March 20, 2019: Complete installation of full capture trash systems serving 50% of the drainage area not tributary to the regional projects within the Santa Monica Bay watershed.
- Manhattan Beach:
 - August 20, 2019: Determine compliance strategy for installing full capture trash systems with the possibility of incorporating full capture trash devices based on preliminary design findings of the Manhattan Beach Infiltration Trench and

¹ Permittees of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group EWMP include the cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Hermosa Beach Greenbelt regional projects. Report compliance strategy to the Board in December 2019.

- o March 20, 2020: Complete installation of full capture trash systems serving 50% of the drainage area not tributary to the Manhattan Beach Infiltration Trench and Hermosa Beach regional projects.

On December 27, 2017, the Los Angeles Water Board provided public notice and a 30-day period to allow for public review and comment on the proposed modifications to the EWMP. No comments were received during the review period.

This letter serves as a notification to the Group that the Los Angeles Water Board Executive Officer approves the proposed modifications to the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group's EWMP. Note that although this approval modifies the interim milestones of the SMB Debris TMDL, the cities of Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach are still required to comply with the final water quality-based effluent limitation of the SMB Debris TMDL as listed in Attachment M, Part B of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit by March 20, 2020. Similarly, per the Board's draft CIMP review letter dated May 22, 2015, which granted the City of Manhattan Beach a 3-year extension of the final compliance date, the City of Manhattan Beach is required to comply with the final water quality-based effluent limitation by March 20, 2023. Please revise your EWMP accordingly and submit a copy of the entire revised EWMP to the Board by **March 8, 2018**.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erum Razzak of the Storm Water Permitting Unit at Erum.Razzak@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2095. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Chief of the Storm Water Permitting Unit, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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