
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 17, 2018

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

VIA EMAIL

APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION TO THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM (CIMP) FOR THE BEACH CITIES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP, PURSUANT TO ATTACHMENT E, PART IV.B 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 NO. R4-2012-0175-A01)

Dear Permittees of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group:

On August 1, 2018, the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group (Beach Cities WMG) submitted a request for revision of the CIMP's monitoring parameters, revision of outfall (OF-BCEG-2) location, and combination and relocation of stormwater outfalls OF-BCEG-3 (City of Redondo Beach) and OF-BCEG-4 (City of Torrance). The request for revision of monitoring parameters is due to finalized updates of the State's 2016 Clean Water Act (CWA) 303(d) List. This updated list added mercury and arsenic to all Santa Monica Bay monitoring sites (RW-BCEG-1 and -2 and OF-BCEG-1, -2, -3, and -4), and removed ammonia at all Dominguez Channel monitoring sites (OF-BCEG-5, -6, and -7). The request to revise the outfall location OF-BCEG-2 and consolidate outfalls OF-BCEG-3 and OF-BCEG-4 as outfall OF-BCEG-4a, was based on the analysis of monitoring results that indicated the original sampling locations were not representative of the applicable tributary areas as originally intended.

Relocation of outfall OF-BCEG-2 from a storm drain lateral to a downstream main storm drain, will purportedly capture a larger tributary area (GPS coordinates: 33.86188, -118.40155). The combined Herondo Drain outfall (OF-BCEG-4a) will be primarily representative of the catchment area from the City of Redondo Beach and City of Torrance (GPS coordinates: 33.853775, -118.393725), near the downstream end of the Herondo Drain.

¹ Permittees of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group CIMP include the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and the cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. See attached distribution list.

On August 6, 2018, the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) provided public notice and a 30-day period to allow for public review and comment on the Group's proposed modifications to the approved CIMP. A combined comment was received during the review period from the Natural Resources Defense Council, Heal the Bay, and the Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and was taken into consideration.

Concurrent with the public review, the Los Angeles Water Board reviewed the requested modifications to the approved CIMP.

This letter serves as notification that I hereby approve the Group's requested modifications pending the update of Table 7, total tributary area and total tributary percentage area of Section 4.2, Stormwater Outfall Monitoring Sites. The Group may implement the requested modification immediately. Please revise your CIMP with the approved modifications and submit a copy of the entire revised CIMP to the Board by **November 14, 2018**.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Susana Vargas of the Storm Water Permitting Unit at Susana.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-6688. 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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