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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Ms. Shauna Clark, City Manager  
City of La Habra Heights  
1245 N. Hacienda Road  
La Habra Heights, CA 90631

### **REVIEW OF NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP AN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)**

Dear Ms. Clark:

On November 8, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) adopted Order No. R4-2012-0175, *Waste Discharge Requirements for MS4 Discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, except those Discharges Originating from the City of Long Beach* (hereafter, Order). The Order allows Permittees the option to develop Watershed Management Programs (WMP) to implement the requirements of this Order on a watershed scale through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs). Participation in a WMP is voluntary and allows a Permittee to address the highest watershed water quality priorities, including complying with the requirements of Part V.A (Receiving Water Limitations), Part VI.E (Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions) and Attachments L through R, by customizing the control measures in Parts III.A (Prohibitions – Non-Storm Water Discharges) and VI.D (Minimum Control Measures) of the Order.

Regional Board Staff met with you on September 16, 2013 to discuss the City of La Habra Heights' notification of intent to develop a Watershed Management Program. Staff has reviewed the City of La Habra Heights' notification of intent and its request for a 12-month submittal date for review by the Board of the draft WMP under Part VI.C.4.c.iii and has determined it is appropriate. Accordingly, the deadline for submittal of the draft WMP is December 28, 2013. Additionally, the City is required to submit an accompanying Integrated Monitoring Program by December 28, 2013 pursuant to Parts IV.A and IV.C.3 of Attachment E to the permit. The Integrated Monitoring Program must meet the monitoring requirements of the permit as set forth in Attachment E.

Until the City of La Habra Heights WMP is approved by the Regional Board, the City of La Habra Heights is required to:

- Continue to implement all watershed control measures in the existing storm water management programs, including actions within each of the six categories of minimum control measures consistent with Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 122.26(d)(2)(iv);
- Continue to implement watershed control measures to eliminate non-storm water discharges to the MS4 that are a source of pollutants to receiving waters consistent with Clean Water Act Section 402(p)(3)(B)(ii);
- Target implementation of watershed control measures listed above to address known contributions of pollutants from MS4 discharges to receiving waters;
- Implement watershed control measures, including those from existing Total Maximum Daily Load implementation plans, to ensure that MS4 discharges achieve compliance with interim and final WQBELs and receiving water limitations pursuant to Part VI.E and set forth in Attachment P of the Order by the applicable compliance deadlines occurring prior to approval of the WMP; and
- Meet all interim and final deadlines for development of the WMP.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at [Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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