

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 21, 2015

Permittees of the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Management Group¹

FINAL APPROVED LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (WMP), PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175) AND THE CITY OF LONG BEACH MS4 PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004003; ORDER NO. R4-2014-0024)

Dear Permittees of the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Management Group:

On November 8, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted Order No. R4-2012-0175, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, except those Discharges Originating from the City of Long Beach MS4* (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit). On February 6, 2014, the Board adopted Order No. R4-2014-0024, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Discharges from the City of Long Beach* (hereafter, Long Beach MS4 Permit). The LA County MS4 Permit and the Long Beach MS4 Permit allow Permittees the option to develop either a Watershed Management Program (WMP) or an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) to implement permit requirements on a watershed scale through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs). Development of a WMP or EWMP is voluntary and allows a Permittee to address the highest watershed priorities, including complying with the requirements of Part V.A (Receiving Water Limitations), Part VI.E and Attachments L through R (Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions), by customizing the control measures in Parts III.A (Prohibitions – Non-Storm Water Discharges) and VI.D (Minimum Control Measures), except the Planning and Land Development Program².

On April 28, 2015, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Group's WMP. My approval letter directed the LSGR Group to

¹ Permittees of the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Management Group include the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Diamond Bar, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Lakewood, Long Beach, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier.

² The cited permit sections are from the LA County MS4 Permit. Equivalent requirements in the Long Beach MS4 Permit are as follows: Part VI.A (Receiving Water Limitations), Part VIII (Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions), Part IV.B (Prohibitions – Non-Storm Water Discharges), and Part VII.D-VII.M (Minimum Control Measures).

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submit a final WMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than June 12, 2015. On June 12, 2015 the LSGR Group submitted its final WMP, as directed.

After review of the final LSGR WMP submitted on June 12, 2015, I have determined that the LSGR Group's WMP satisfies all of the conditions identified in my April 28, 2015 approval letter. The WMP dated June 12, 2015 hereby constitutes the final approved WMP for the LSGR Group.

The Los Angeles Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the LSGR Group in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit and the Long Beach MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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