



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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APPROVAL OF NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP AN ENHANCED 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 Permittees participating in the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed EWMP Group:

In a letter dated October 23, 2013, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board or Board) provided its review of the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed notification of intent (NOI) to develop an enhanced watershed management program (EWMP). As part of their NOI, permittees pursuing an EWMP are required to identify, and commit to fully implement by June 28, 2015, a structural best management practice (BMP) or suite of BMPs at a scale that provides meaningful water quality improvement within each watershed covered by the EWMP. The structural BMP(s) must be in addition to BMPs that are required to meet interim or final trash TMDL effluent limitations or other final effluent limitations applicable in the watershed with deadlines prior to April 28, 2016. The structural BMP(s) identified in the NOI are subject to Executive Officer approval. The NOI identified the installation of trash removal BMPs as the structural BMP to meet the above mentioned requirement.

Board staff has reviewed the NOI for compliance with all notification requirements of Part VI.C of Order No. R4-2012-0175 and has determined that all the notification requirements of Part VI.C of Order No. R4-2012-0175, have been met.

Pursuant to section VI.C.4.b.iii.(5) of the Order, the proposed structural BMPs are subject to approval by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. The County of Los Angeles plans to install approximately 79 trash removal BMPs in commercial and industrial parks treating an estimated 23,000 acre drainage area; and the City of Santa Clarita plans to install approximately 110 trash removal BMPs in commercial and industrial parks treating an estimated 1,500 acre drainage area. Implementation of the trash removal BMPs seeks to reduce trash discharging to the Santa Clara River.

The estimated completion date for the County of Los Angeles' installation of 79 trash removal BMPs in commercial and industrial parks is June 2015; and the estimated completion date for the City of Santa Clarita's installation of 110 trash removal BMPs in commercial and industrial parks is June 2015. The County of Los Angeles' proposed installation of 79 trash removal BMPs; and the City of Santa Clarita's proposed installation of 110 trash removal BMPs are approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer.

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The work plan for development of the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed EWMP Group is due by June 28, 2014. Please submit the work plan to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "LA County MS4 Permit – Enhanced Watershed Management Program Work Plan" with copies to Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov and Tracy.Woods@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at (213) 620-2150 or Ms. Tracy Woods at (213) 620-2095.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

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