
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: MS4 Permittees in the Los Angeles Region and Interested Persons

FROM: Renee Purdy
Executive Officer

DATE: October 2, 2020

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE TENTATIVE REGIONAL PHASE I MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004004, ORDER NO. R4-20XX-XXXX)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) will hold a public workshop to discuss the manner of total maximum daily load (TMDL) incorporation into the Regional Phase I MS4 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Permittees in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. A quorum of the Los Angeles Water Board will be present. The Los Angeles Water Board may provide general feedback to staff; however, no action or voting will take place at this workshop. The public workshop will be held on:

**October 15, 2020, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
via Video and Teleconference Only¹**

Issuance of the Regional MS4 Permit is a pending adjudicative proceeding before the Los Angeles Water Board. During the workshop, Los Angeles Water Board members and workshop participants may discuss issues related to the pending proceeding. As stated above, the discussion will focus on the manner in which TMDLs are incorporated as water quality based effluent limitations and, in particular, how the water quality based effluent limitations are expressed (i.e., as numeric effluent limitations or as narrative “best management practice (BMP)” effluent limitations).

BACKGROUND

On August 24, 2020, the Los Angeles Water Board transmitted the tentative Regional Phase I MS4 NPDES Permit (Tentative Regional MS4 Permit) to Permittees and other stakeholders for soliciting public comments. The Tentative Regional MS4 Permit is a draft permit pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 124.6(d), and opportunity for public comment is provided pursuant to 40 CFR section 124.10 and California Water Code section 13167.5. Part of the Tentative Regional MS4 Permit is the Fact Sheet (Attachment F), which sets forth the principal facts and the significant factual, legal, methodological, and policy and technical rationales that serve as the basis for the requirements of the Order. The following

¹ As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor’s Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, this meeting will occur solely via remote presence.

Parts of the Tentative Regional MS4 Fact Sheet are of particular importance to this workshop: Part V.B, “Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations (WQBELs);” Part VI, “Rationale for Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions;” Part X, “Rationale for Watershed Management Programs;” and Part XI, “Rationale for Compliance Determination Provisions.”

The Tentative Regional MS4 Permit, and the Fact Sheet, are available under “Regional Permit (in development)” on the Los Angeles Water Board’s website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/index.html

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this MS4 workshop are twofold.

1. Discuss incorporation of TMDLs in MS4 permits and the laws, regulations, guidance, and facts governing different approaches to TMDL incorporation.
2. Allow Permittees and other stakeholders to share their perspectives, specific ideas for TMDL incorporation, issues, and interests.

STAKEHOLDER PRESENTATIONS

To facilitate a productive discussion and meet the workshop objectives, stakeholders requesting to speak should include in their presentations, answers to the following questions:

1. What are your concerns, if any, regarding the proposed manner of TMDL incorporation as set forth in the Fact Sheet and corresponding parts of the Tentative Order (including Parts IV.B, IX, X, and Attachments J-S). Are there ways in which your concerns could be addressed within the proposed manner of TMDL incorporation as set forth in the Tentative Regional MS4 Permit?
2. Do you have an alternative proposal for TMDL incorporation in the Regional MS4 Permit? Please provide detailed language and a framework for incorporation.

If you intend to use a PowerPoint presentation or other visual aids, they must be received by the Los Angeles Water Board Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit’s email address MS4StormwaterRB4@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line “**MS4 Workshop – Manner of TMDL Incorporation**” by **October 13, 2020**.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please register for this workshop by **October 9, 2020** via the Zoom registration link:

https://waterboards.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_58_b-cHJStCi6C6MT-0VAQ

In the Zoom registration form, please indicate any time requests to speak or present and briefly respond to the questions above in the “Questions and Comments” field so that staff may organize speakers to facilitate a productive discussion.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop.

For additional information, contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway by email at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov.