
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 17, 2015

Permittees of the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group¹
(See Distribution List)

**FINAL APPROVED BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP
COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM, 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)**

Dear Permittees of the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) has reviewed the final monitoring program submitted on September 3, 2015 by the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group (Group). This monitoring program was submitted pursuant to the provisions of NPDES Permit No. CAS004001 (Order No. R4-2012-0175), which authorizes discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by 86 municipal Permittees within Los Angeles County (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit). The LA County MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to develop and implement a coordinated integrated monitoring program (CIMP) that achieves the five Primary Objectives set forth in Part II.A of Attachment E and includes the elements set forth in Part II.E of Attachment E. These programs must be approved by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board.

On August 7, 2015, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the Group's CIMP. My approval letter directed the Group to submit a final CIMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than September 7, 2015. On September 3, 2015 the Group submitted its final CIMP, as directed.

After review of the Group's final CIMP submitted on September 3, 2015, I have determined that the Group's CIMP satisfies all of the conditions identified in my August 7, 2015 approval letter. The CIMP submitted on September 3, 2015 hereby constitutes the final approved CIMP for the Group. Additional direction on requirements for follow-up monitoring when aquatic toxicity is present in downstream receiving waters has been provided in separate correspondence, and must be followed as part of the Group's final approved CIMP.

¹ Permittees of the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group CIMP include the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; the County of Los Angeles; and the cities of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Culver City, Inglewood, and Santa Monica.

The Los Angeles Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the Group in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chris Lopez of the Storm Water Permitting Unit by electronic mail at Chris.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-6674. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Ballona Creek Watershed Management Group Distribution List