



Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program

Participating Agencies

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Camarillo

County of Ventura

Fillmore

Moorpark

Ojai

Oxnard

Port Hueneme

San Buenaventura

Santa Paula

Simi Valley

Thousand Oaks

Ventura County
Watershed Protection
District

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 W. Fourth Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PLANS OF LOS ANGELES RIVER UPPER REACH 2, LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER, EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER, LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL, SANTA MONICA BAY, AND ALAMITOS BAY/LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL

Dear Ms. Purdy:

The Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program (Program) supports the submitted Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Plans (CIMPs) designed with the flexibility to meet the water quality priority needs of the Watershed Management Areas (WMA).

The Program's partner agencies include the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, the County of Ventura and the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks. These organizations operate municipal storm drain systems and discharge stormwater and urban runoff pursuant to the Ventura Countywide 2010 NPDES Stormwater Permit. The Program is committed to working cooperatively to improve water quality, and have been monitoring water quality in receiving waters since 2001 and outfalls since 2009. Our MS4 outfall monitoring program was among the first in the state.

Adaptive management is essential for an effective stormwater program, and monitoring programs require flexibility to provide useful information to guide management decisions. Flexibility in monitoring locations, frequencies, parameters and methods is vital to appropriately addressing and answering monitoring questions. WMAs should be allowed to focus resources on water quality priorities in a cost effective manner, this includes the design and implementation of the monitoring program. The CIMPs submitted reflect a degree of flexibility necessary for adaptive management.



Ms. Renee Purdy
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It is the mission of the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program to enhance, protect and preserve water quality in Ventura County using proactive and innovative ideas for preservation of biodiversity, ecological viability and human health. The Program recognizes and supports the crucial role an effective and adaptable coordinated integrated monitoring program plays in the continued efforts towards our goal of enhanced water quality.

Sincerely,



Gerhardt Hubner
Chair