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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Ms. Shauna Clark, City Manager  
City of La Habra Heights  
1245 N. Hacienda Road  
La Habra Heights, CA 90631

**APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS' INDIVIDUAL 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)**

Dear Ms. Clark:

On November 8, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional 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* (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit). The LA County MS4 Permit allows 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 program.

Pursuant to Part VI.C.4.c, the City of La Habra Heights (the City) submitted its draft WMP dated April 14, 2014, to the Regional Water Board for review. On June 30, 2014, the Regional Water Board provided public notice of the City's submittal and a 30-day opportunity for interested persons to submit comments on the City's draft WMP. One comment letter was received from Heal the Bay and their comments were considered by the Regional Water Board.

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Subsequent to the City's submittal of its draft WMP, Regional Water Board staff met with you and the City's consultants on July 21, 2014, to discuss needed revisions to the City's draft WMP, including the supporting Reasonable Assurance Analysis (RAA). On August 15, 2014, the Regional Water Board sent a letter to the City detailing the revisions to the draft WMP that needed to be addressed prior to approval of the City's WMP. The letter noted that the City needed to submit a revised draft WMP no later than September 15, 2014, which the City did. Regional Water Board staff had several teleconferences and e-mail exchanges with you and the City's consultants to discuss the revised draft WMP, including the supporting RAA, and additional revisions that were needed to meet the requirements of Part VI.C of the permit. In response to these e-mail exchanges and teleconferences, the City submitted its draft final WMP on December 10, 2014 for Regional Water Board review and approval.

The Regional Water Board hereby approves the City's December 10, 2014 draft final WMP. The City shall begin implementation of the WMP immediately and conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the WMP every 2 years pursuant to the adaptive management process set forth in Part VI.C.8. As part of the adaptive management process, any modifications to the WMP must be submitted to the Regional Water Board for review. Pursuant to Part VI.C.8.a.ii(1), the adaptive management process fulfills the requirements in Part V.A.4 to address continuing exceedances of receiving water limitations, where the pollutant is being explicitly addressed in the WMP. The City must implement any modifications to its WMP upon approval by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer, or within 60 days of submittal if the Regional Water Board Executive Officer expresses no objections.

The City's full and timely compliance with all proposed actions and dates for their achievement in its approved WMP shall constitute the City's compliance with provisions pertaining to applicable interim water quality based effluent limitations and interim receiving water limitations.

The Regional Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the City in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at [Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

cc: Cynthia Gabaldon, CG Resource Management and Engineering