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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Water Quality Group  
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**REVIEW OF NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (NOI) TO DEVELOP AN ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (EWMP), PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)**

Dear Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Water Quality Group Participants:

Regional Board staff reviewed the NOI to prepare an EWMP that the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Water Quality Group (RH/SGR WQ Group) submitted to the Regional Board on June 28, 2013; according to the NOI, the participants in the RH/SGR WQ Group are the Cities of Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, the County of Los Angeles (local portions), and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. Upon review, Regional Board staff determined the NOI meets the notification requirements of Part VI.C of Order No. R4-2012-0175, *Waste Discharge Requirements for MS4 Discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, except those Discharges Originating from the City of Long Beach* (hereafter, Order). Review and approval of the group's proposed structural BMP(s) will be provided under separate cover.

As you are aware, the Order allows permittees the option to submit to the Regional Board for approval an NOI to prepare an EWMP. Preparing an EWMP allows permittees to implement the requirements of the Order on a watershed scale through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs). Implementing an EWMP allows permittees to address the highest watershed priorities, including complying with the requirements of Part V.A (Receiving Water Limitations), Part VI.E (Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions) and Attachments L through R, by customizing the control measures in Parts III.A (Prohibitions – Non-Storm Water Discharges) and VI.D (Minimum Control Measures) of the Order.

The RH/SGR WQ Group must submit to the Regional Board for review and approval a detailed workplan and CIMP for the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River EWMP no later than June 28, 2014. The RH/SGR WQ Group must submit to the Regional Board for review and approval a draft EWMP by June 28, 2015. Until Regional Board staff approves the RH/SGR WQ Group EWMP, each RH/SGR WQ Group participant must do the following:

1. Continue to implement all the watershed control measures in their corresponding storm water management programs, including actions within each of the six categories of minimum control measures consistent with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 122.26(d)(2)(iv) and Part VI.C.4.d.i of the Order.
2. Continue to implement watershed control measures to eliminate non-storm water discharges through the MS4 that are a source of pollutants to receiving waters consistent with Clean Water Act Section 402(p)(3)(B)(ii) and Part VI.C.4.d.ii of the Order.
3. Implement watershed control measures, including those identified in existing TMDL implementation plans, to ensure MS4 discharges achieve compliance with interim and final trash WQBELs and all other final WQBELs and receiving water limitations pursuant to Part VI.E and set forth in Attachments L through Q by the applicable compliance deadlines occurring prior to approval of the EWMP per Part VI.C.4.d.iii of the Order.
4. Target implementation of watershed control measures listed above to address known contributions of pollutants from MS4 discharges to receiving waters.
5. Meet all interim and final deadlines for development of an EWMP.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tracy Woods of the Storm Water Permitting Unit by electronic mail at [Tracy.Woods@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tracy.Woods@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2095. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Chief of the Storm Water Permitting Unit, by electronic mail at [Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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