



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region



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TO: LA County MS4 Permittees and Interested Persons

DATE: March 23, 2011

SUBJECT: REISSUANCE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) NPDES PERMIT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14, 2011 BOARD HEARING


As you know, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) has noticed a hearing on April 14, 2011 to reissue the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit to reincorporate provisions implementing the Santa Monica Bay Bacteria TMDL summer dry weather wasteload allocation (WLA), that were required to be voided and set aside in Order No. 01-182 as amended by Order No. R4-2006-0074 by the Los Angeles Superior Court.

The Regional Board has received many requests to cancel or postpone the hearing to allow time for Permittees to engage in a dialogue with each other and Regional Board staff regarding the reissuance of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit. Additionally, in their comment letters, a number of the Permittees affirmed their full commitment to implementing the Santa Monica Bay Bacteria TMDL even without the reissuance of the permit containing the specific provisions related to the TMDL's summer dry weather WLA. These Permittees stated that there would be no reduction in their activities to implement the TMDL during the upcoming summer season, including operation and maintenance of low-flow diversions, even if the permit reissuance is deferred.

Several of the letters urged the Regional Board to use this time instead to work in coordination with the Permittees and interested persons to develop an updated MS4 permit in 2012. Upon further consideration of these requests and other information, and in consultation with the Chair of the Regional Board, I have decided to take this matter off calendar for April 14th. The public will receive a new notice if the Regional Board intends to reschedule the hearing. Please note that the agenda item to void and set aside Order No. R4-2006-0074 amending the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit (Order No. 01-182), will still be acted upon by the Regional Board at its April 14th meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Renee Purdy, Regional Programs Section Chief, at (213) 576-6622 or via e-mail at rpurdy@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


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