



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region

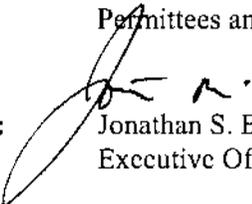


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**TO:** Permittees and Other Interested Persons

**FROM:**   
Jonathan S. Bishop  
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**DATE:** July 14, 2006

**SUBJECT:** MODIFICATIONS TO WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT (NPDES NO. CAS004001) TO INCORPORATE PROVISIONS OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY BEACHES BACTERIA TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, will consider modifications to Waste Discharge Requirements for the County of Los Angeles Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit (NPDES No. CAS004001) at its regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 14, 2006.

The modifications to be considered are new findings and permit provisions to implement the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria Dry Weather TMDL and, specifically, the applicable waste load allocations assigned to beach locations during summer dry weather. 40 CFR section 122.44(d)(1)(vii)(B) requires that NPDES permits must be consistent with the assumptions and requirements of any available waste load allocation. The Waste Load Allocations in the TMDL are expressed as the number of allowable days that Santa Monica Bay beaches may exceed the Basin Plan water quality objectives for protection of Water Contact Recreation (REC-1) in marine waters.

The Regional Board adopted the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria Dry Weather TMDL on January 24, 2002. The TMDL was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and became effective on July 15, 2003. Basin Plan Tables 7-4.1, 7-4.2a and 7-4.3 set forth the provisions of the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria Dry Weather TMDL. These provisions require that during summer dry weather there shall be no exceedances in the wave wash<sup>1</sup> of the single sample or the geometric mean bacteria water quality objectives.

In advance of the Board's consideration of this matter, the Regional Board requests input from Permittees and other interested persons regarding the most appropriate way(s) to incorporate the provisions of TMDL. Specifically, the Board requests suggestions on how the summer dry weather waste load allocations of no exceedance days at Santa Monica Bay beaches should be translated into enforceable permit requirements in an NPDES permit.

<sup>1</sup> The wave wash is defined in the TMDL as the point at which the storm drain or creek empties and the effluent from the storm drain initially mixes with the receiving ocean water.

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The Regional Board staff will host a public workshop next week to receive comments and suggestions on this matter. Permittees subject to the Waste Discharge Requirements for the County of Los Angeles Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit (NPDES No. CAS004001) and other interested persons are encouraged to participate in this meeting.

**Public Workshop**  
**July 20, 2006 at 1:00 PM**  
**California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region**  
**320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Carmel Room**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90013**

If you are unable to participate, please submit suggestions in writing prior to the workshop. Written comments should be sent no later than 5:00 PM on July 19, 2006 to:

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