

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 12, 2015

Permittees of the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group<sup>1</sup>  
(See Distribution List)

**FINAL APPROVED DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA GROUP COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO ATTACHMENT E, PART IV.B OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)**

Dear Permittees of the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) has reviewed the final monitoring program submitted on October 21, 2015 by the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group (Group). This monitoring program was submitted pursuant to the provisions of NPDES Permit No. CAS004001 (Order No. R4-2012-0175), which authorizes discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by 86 municipal Permittees within Los Angeles County (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit). The LA County MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to develop and implement a coordinated integrated monitoring program (CIMP) that achieves the five Primary Objectives set forth in Part II.A of Attachment E and includes the elements set forth in Part II.E of Attachment E. These programs must be approved by the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board.

On September 21, 2015, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the Group's CIMP. My approval letter directed the Group to submit a final CIMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than October 21, 2015. On October 21, 2015, the Group submitted its final CIMP, as directed.

After review of the Group's final CIMP submitted on October 21, 2015, I have determined that the Group's CIMP satisfies all of the conditions identified in my September 21, 2015 approval letter. The CIMP submitted on October 21, 2015 hereby constitutes the final approved CIMP for the Group. Additional direction on requirements for follow-up monitoring when aquatic toxicity is present in downstream receiving waters has been provided in separate correspondence, and must be followed as part of the Group's final approved CIMP.

<sup>1</sup> Permittees of the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group CIMP include the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; the County of Los Angeles; and the cities of Los Angeles, Hawthorne, Inglewood, El Segundo, and Lomita. Additionally, the cities of Carson and Lawndale have each recently submitted letters to the Los Angeles Water Board stating their intent to join the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group.

In addition to the changes made to satisfy all of the conditions identified in my September 21, 2015 approval letter, the final CIMP also includes a change in the location of one of the Group's receiving water monitoring locations (DOM-RW-DC01). This change was previously discussed with Los Angeles Water Board staff in a meeting on October 15, 2015, and was made so that all receiving water monitoring requirements will be met with the anticipated incorporation of the cities of Lawndale and Carson into the Group's CIMP.

The Los Angeles Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the Group in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chris Lopez of the Storm Water Permitting Unit by electronic mail at [Chris.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Chris.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 576-6674. Alternatively, you may also contact Mr. 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,



Chief Deputy E.O.

Samuel Unger, P.E. *for*  
Executive Officer

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