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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 22, 2024

Via Email Only

Permittees of the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group (Group)<sup>1</sup>

**FINAL APPROVAL OF THE LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP'S WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (WMP) PURSUANT TO THE REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004004; ORDER NO. R4-2021-0105)**

Dear Permittees of the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group:

The Regional MS4 Permit (Order No. R4-2021-0105) authorizes discharges from the MS4 operated by 99 municipal Permittees within the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (hereafter, Regional MS4 Permit or Order). The Regional MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to use a Watershed Management Program (WMP) to implement many of the permit's requirements through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs).

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board), approved with conditions, the Lower Los Angeles River Group's (Group) WMP on May 1, 2023. The conditional approval letter directed the Group to submit a final WMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than August 1, 2023.

On August 1, 2023, the Group submitted a revised WMP. After review of the August 1, 2023 WMP, Board staff determined further revisions were required to fully satisfy the conditions identified in the May 1, 2023 conditional approval letter. After notifying the Group of the remaining deficiencies via email, the Group addressed the remaining deficiencies and submitted the final WMP on February 1, 2024.

After review of the Group's final WMP submitted on February 1, 2024, the Los Angeles Water Board has determined that the Group's final WMP satisfies all the conditions identified in the May 1, 2023 conditional approval letter. The WMP submitted on February 1, 2024 constitutes the final approved WMP for the Group.

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<sup>1</sup> Permittees of the Lower Los Angeles River Group include the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the Cities of Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Signal Hill, and South Gate.

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The Group may propose WMP modifications at any time during the term of the Order, as necessary. The Group shall provide a standalone written request explaining the nature of the proposed modification(s) and justification for consideration by the Los Angeles Water Board. Such justification may include the need to align the timing of implementation for a specific project with a project partner that is not regulated by the Regional MS4 Permit.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ali Rahmani with the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email at [Alireza.Rahmani@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Alireza.Rahmani@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 576-6692. Alternatively, you may also contact Ivar Ridgeway, Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit Supervisor by email at [Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,

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