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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Via Email Only

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**FINAL APPROVAL OF THE MACHADO LAKE 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 James Flannigan:

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 City of Torrance's (City) Machado Lake WMP on April 28, 2023. The conditional approval letter directed the City to submit a final WMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than July 31, 2023. The City of Torrance requested for an extension to submit a final WMP on June 27, 2023, and was granted by the Board on August 2, 2023. On September 30, 2023, the City submitted its final WMP, as directed.

After review of the final City's WMP submitted on September 30, 2023, the Los Angeles Water Board has determined that the City's final WMP satisfies all the conditions identified in the April 28, 2023 conditional approval letter. The WMP submitted on September 30, 2023 constitutes the final approved WMP for the City.

As stated in the conditional approval letter, be advised that because the City states in its WMP that it is achieving compliance with applicable water quality standards through control measures that are already implemented, the Los Angeles Water Board will not

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provide deemed compliance for the Waterbody Pollutant Combinations (WBPC) in the WMP area. However, for the purpose of allowing the City to address future water quality priorities based on new information and/or water quality issues and propose watershed control measures, the Los Angeles Water Board is approving this WMP. Therefore, the City shall comply with the receiving water limitations and WQBELs specified in Attachment P of the Order, and demonstrate compliance per Parts X.B.1.a (Interim WQBELs and Receiving Water Limitations – Direct Demonstration of Compliance with TMDL-Specific Requirements), X.B.2.a (Final WQBELs and Receiving Water Limitations – Direct Demonstration of Compliance), and X.C (WQBELs and Receiving Water Limitations for Trash) of the Order.

The City may propose WMP modifications at any time during the term of the Order, as necessary. The City 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 Susana Vargas with the Municipal Stormwater Permitting Unit by email at [Susana.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Susana.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (213) 576-6688. 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,

for Susana Arredondo  
Executive Officer

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