



State Water Resources Control Board

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APPROVAL OF 2024/2025 MONITORING PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE; STATEWIDE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Mr. Takhar:

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) regulates municipal stormwater discharges from the Department of Transportation's (Department) storm sewer system through the statewide municipal stormwater permit. The State Water Board adopted [Water Quality Order 2022-0033-DWQ](#) (Order) on June 22, 2022.

Order Sections F.4.3 and G.3 require the Department to submit a Monitoring Plan Annual Update (Annual Update) by November 30, of each year. The Department timely submitted its 2024/2025 Annual Update, which conceptually proposes individual sediment TMDL monitoring within the North Coast Water Board region¹ because cooperative and regional monitoring programs for sediment are not available within this region, as was originally proposed. The proposed individual monitoring fulfills the expectations laid out in our September 9, 2024, letter approving the original Monitoring Plan with exceptions. The Monitoring Plan is now fully approved.

Additionally, the 2024/25 Annual Update is approved with the following stipulations:

1. By June 30, 2025, the Department shall submit a summary with maps describing its sediment TMDL monitoring locations selected for the North Coast Water Board region; and

¹ See State Water Board September 9, 2024, letter regarding sediment monitoring obligations in the North Coast Water Board region.

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2. Upon review of the summary, additional sediment monitoring locations within the North Coast Water Board region may be required for the Department's 2025/2026 Annual Update.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Mary Boyd, Statewide Municipal Stormwater Program Manager, at Mary.Boyd@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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