



State Water Resources Control Board

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APPROVAL OF TRASH MONITORING PLAN AND ALTERNATIVE INTERIM MILESTONES; STATEWIDE PHASE I 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 Phase I municipal stormwater permit, Order WQ 2022-0033-DWQ (Order).¹

As required by the Order, the Department submitted its Trash Monitoring Plan on July 19, 2024, within six months of approval of its Trash Assessment Methodology.

As allowed by Order Attachment E, Section E7.5, the Department included a proposal for alternative Interim Milestones. Details of its proposal are found Section 4.1 of the Trash Monitoring Plan. In summary, rather than only receiving credit for fully addressing 35 percent or more of its Significant Trash Generating Areas by December 2, 2025, and 70 percent of its Significant Trash Generating Areas by December 2, 2028, the Department's proposal would also allow partial credit for trash reduction of its Significant Trash Generating Areas to satisfy the Interim Milestones. The Department proposes to utilize its approved Trash Assessment Methodology to justify partial crediting.

¹ State Water Board adopted the [Order](#) on June 22, 2022.

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The Department's proposal does not change the interim milestone dates or final completion date. The Department must fully address 100 percent of its Significant Trash Generating Areas by December 2, 2030, as required.

The Trash Monitoring Plan, including the alternative Interim Milestones, meets the requirements of the Order and is therefore approved with no further revision.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Oppenheimer", is displayed within a light gray rectangular box.

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director
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