
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 12, 2016

Via Email Only

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In reply refer to / attn:
CW-794853:CArias

**Subject: San Diego Water Board Notice of Acceptance
San Diego River Watershed Management Area Water Quality Improvement Plan**

Mr. Snyder:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) received the revised final San Diego River Watershed Management Area (WMA) Water Quality Improvement Plan (Plan) on September 29, 2015. The revised final San Diego River WMA Plan was jointly submitted by the City of San Diego, the City of Santee, the City of La Mesa, the City of El Cajon, and the County of San Diego (collectively San Diego River WMA Copermittees) after considering written comments submitted by the public and San Diego Water Board staff on the draft final San Diego River WMA Plan. Submittal of the San Diego River WMA Plan, as revised in response to comments, is required by Order No. R9-2013-0001, as amended by Order Nos. R9-2015-0001 and R9-2015-0100, NPDES No. CAS0109266, *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within the San Diego Region* (Order).

Provisions B and D of the Order describe the required elements that must be included in the Plan. The San Diego Water Board reviewed the revised final San Diego River WMA Plan and the comments received during the Plan revision process. On January 7, 2016, the San Diego Water Board informed the San Diego River WMA Copermittees that there were minor deficiencies remaining. On January 29, 2016, the San Diego River WMA Copermittees provided proposed corrections to the San Diego River WMA Plan (see Attachment 1). After reviewing the proposed corrections, the San Diego Water Board finds that the San Diego River WMA Plan, with the corrections proposed in Attachment 1, is in compliance with Provisions B and D of the Order. To comply with Signatory Requirement Provisions 1.k.(1)(d) and 2.n (requiring certification of the Plan) in Attachment B to the Order, a *certified* final San Diego River WMA Plan incorporating the corrections proposed in Attachment 1 must be submitted promptly to the San Diego Water Board. The San Diego Water Board looks forward to the San Diego River WMA Copermittees achieving full compliance with the Signatory Requirement Provisions of the Order upon submittal of the *certified* final San Diego River WMA Plan.

Based on these findings, the San Diego Water Board accepts the revised final San Diego River WMA Plan dated September 29, 2015 with the corrections proposed in Attachment 1. As such,

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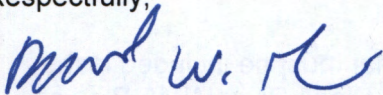
the San Diego River Copermittees should continue implementation of the strategies described therein according to the specified schedules. The San Diego River WMA Copermittees are now authorized to allow exemptions to the Hydromodification Management BMP Requirements that have been identified pursuant to Provision E.3.c.(2)(d)(iii) of the Order, and implement the Alternative Compliance Program for Priority Development Projects provided under provision E.3.c.(3) of the Order, within the San Diego River WMA.

The San Diego River WMA Plan, dated September 29, 2015, and the proposed corrections in Attachment 1 will be available for public review on the San Diego Water Board website until the certified final San Diego River WMA Plan is submitted and posted. Any person aggrieved by this San Diego Water Board action to accept the San Diego River WMA Plan may petition the State Water Resources Control Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, section 2050, et seq. The State Water Resources Control Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m. within 30 days after the date of this action except if the thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the petition must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the first business day following. Copies of laws and regulations applicable to petitions are available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality and are available upon request.

Please submit any written correspondence in response to this letter to SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov. Electronic documents must be submitted as a single file, in Portable Document Format (PDF) format, and converted to text searchable format using Optical Character Recognition (OCR). All electronic documents must also include scanned copies of all signature pages; electronic signatures will not be accepted. Electronic documents submitted to the San Diego Water Board must include the following identification numbers in the header or subject line: **PIN: CW-794853:CArias.**

Should you have any questions or comments on this matter, please contact Christina Arias by phone at (619) 521-3361 or by e-mail at Christina.Arias@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,



David W. Gibson
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San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

Attachment 1 – Proposed Corrections to the San Diego River WMA Plan, County of San Diego
Letter to San Diego Water Board dated January 29, 2016.

cc: Clem Brown, City of San Diego
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Cecilia Padres-Tipton, City of Santee

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