
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

This will serve as notice that the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) has prepared a Negative Declaration for the following project in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Title: Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Trash from Nonpoint Sources

Project location: Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Project Description: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), proposes to adopt a Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Trash from Nonpoint Sources that are assigned load allocations in the Los Angeles River Watershed Trash TMDL, Ballona Creek Trash TMDL, Malibu Creek Watershed Trash TMDL, Revolon Slough and Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL, Santa Monica Bay Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL, Machado Lake Trash TMDL, Lake Elizabeth, Munz Lake and Lake Hughes Trash TMDL, Legg Lake Trash TMDL, Ventura River Estuary Trash TMDL, San Gabriel River East Fork Trash TMDL, and Echo Park Lake, Peck Road Park Lake, and Lincoln Park Lake Trash TMDLs (Conditional Waiver or Order). The purpose of this Order is to ensure that the discharges of trash from nonpoint sources that are assigned load allocations in these TMDLs do not adversely affect the beneficial uses of the associated waterbodies in the Los Angeles Region.

This Conditional Waiver constitutes a nonpoint source implementation program and is consistent with the five key elements required by the Nonpoint Source Policy. (1) This Order will result in attainment of water quality objectives for trash in the Basin Plan and protection of beneficial uses through the development of a trash monitoring and reporting program (TMRP) and implementation of a minimum frequency of assessment and collection (MFAC)/best management practice (BMP) program. This Order is consistent with State Water Board Resolution 68-16 ("Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California") because it does not authorize degradation to any high quality waters. To the extent any waters covered by this Order are considered high quality, this Order maintains and improves existing water quality through the establishment and enforcement of conditions that will reduce discharges of trash from nonpoint sources and implement TMDL load allocations. (2) Nonpoint source dischargers of trash subject to this Order are required to describe, select, and verify implementation of the management measures (referred to herein as BMPs) to attain load allocations through their TMRPs. (3) Compliance with this Order's requirements is required upon its effective date. (4) TMRPs are required by this Order to assess the effectiveness of the MFAC/BMP program in preventing trash from accumulating between MFAC events, propose enhanced BMPs, and revise

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the MFAC/BMP program if needed to attain TMDL load allocations. Detailed requirements for the MFAC/BMP programs specific to each of the Los Angeles Region Trash TMDLs are provided in the Specific Provisions section of this Order. (5) This Waiver contains a Compliance and Enforcement section detailing the consequences of failing to implement its requirements.

An Initial Study has been conducted by the Regional Board, which documents the reasons to support the Finding of the Negative Declaration that the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The Initial Study and the Negative Declaration are on file at the address above and may be requested or may be made available for public examination at the Los Angeles Water Board, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by contacting Los Angeles Water Board staff, Alexander Prescott, at alexander.prescott@waterboards.ca.gov.

All interested agencies, groups and persons wishing to respond to the finding of Negative Declaration are invited to submit written comments to 320 West 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California, 90013, for consideration by this Regional Board on or before June 22, 2020. For information, please call Alexander Prescott at (213) 576-6804 or email him at alexander.prescott@waterboards.ca.gov.

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