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***APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE SACRAMENTO AREA STORMWATER AGENCIES TO
REDUCE LOCAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DELTA
REGIONAL MONITORING PROGRAM***

Thank you for submitting your 1 May 2015 letter to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) indicating your commitment to participate in the Delta Regional Monitoring Program (Delta RMP) and proposing reductions to current water quality monitoring requirements.

On 17 April 2015, the Central Valley Water Board renewed Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2015-0023 (NPDES CAS082597) for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 Permit) authorizing the Executive Officer to modify monitoring requirements in order for the County of Sacramento and the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento (Permittees) to participate in a regional monitoring program. The permit was renewed for an 18-month limited term.

After reviewing water quality data submitted by the Permittees to date, I approve the proposed reductions in water quality monitoring according to Table 1. The reduced monitoring may begin August 2015. This approval does not reduce other monitoring requirements outside of Sections II.B.1 and II.B.2 of the MS4 Permit's monitoring and reporting program.

Because of the need to continue representative monitoring of urban tributaries, continued monitoring of Arcade Creek, Laguna Creek, and Willow Creek is required at a reduced frequency. Per Table 1, the urban tributary monitoring shall be conducted during three (3) storm events and one (1) dry season event once every five (5) years.

We appreciate the funding that the Permittees already allocated to the Delta RMP for fiscal year (FY) 2014-15. Per our phone conversation with Dave Tamayo on 19 May 2015 and your letter, the County of Sacramento (County), on behalf of the Permittees that comprise the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership, estimates that an annual contribution of \$100,000 is reasonably equivalent to the proposed exchange of costs of the identified individual monitoring and/or study efforts required.

Table 1. Water Quality Monitoring Summary

MRP Section	Monitoring Location	Constituents	Monitoring Type	Previous Monitoring Frequency	Approved Monitoring Frequency Reductions
II.B.1 (River)	American (Nimbus)	Table B of the Limited Term Permit	Grab	3 Wet, 1 Dry per year	Discontinue sampling beginning 1 August 2015
	American (Discovery Park)		Composite ¹		
	Sacramento (Veteran's Bridge)		Composite ¹		
	Sacramento (Freeport Bridge)		Composite ¹		
II.B.2 (Urban Tributary)	Arcade Creek Willow Creek Laguna Creek	Table B of the Limited Term Permit	Grab, Time- Composite, or Flow- Composite ²	3 Wet, 1 Dry per year	Long Term Monitoring beginning 1 August 2015: Once every five years, sample existing urban tributaries for 3 wet ³ , 1 dry event for Table B constituents

¹ Samples shall be cross-sectional composite samples, unless a particular parameter analysis requires grab samples, or if flow and safety conditions warrant the collection of grab samples.

² Collected at mid-depth and mid-stream.

³ One wet weather monitoring event is to occur at the first storm event of the year forecasted with a rain fall greater than 0.25 inches in a 24-hour period. This rainfall must be preceded by at least 30 days of dry weather.

While this letter approves reductions in local water quality monitoring and participation in the Delta RMP, the Delta RMP Steering Committee ultimately will determine whether the County's proposed contribution constitutes adequate participation in the Delta RMP. The \$100,000 annual contribution is the minimum contribution to the Delta RMP in exchange for the reduced

individual monitoring. The FY 2015-16 Delta RMP contribution is due by **30 September 2015**. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider extending the due date if the County experiences contracting delays.

The County shall continue to adequately participate in the Delta RMP to maintain the reduced individual monitoring. If adequate participation is not maintained, the Central Valley Water Board will require that the individual monitoring program be reinstated.

If you have any questions about the Delta RMP or this approval, please contact Selina Cole at (916) 464-4683 or selina.cole@waterboards.ca.gov. If you have questions about NPDES CAS082597 monitoring requirements, please contact Elizabeth Lee at (916) 464-4787 or elizabeth.lee@waterboards.ca.gov.

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