

COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES

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Board, Los Angeles Region
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

And Affected State Agencies and Interested Parties (See Attached Mailing List)

Re: Request for Information

Municipal Storm Water and Urban Runoff Discharges

03-TC-04, 03-TC-20, 03-TC-21

Los Angeles Regional Quality Control Board Order No. 01-182

Permit CAS004001; Part 4, Section F.5.c.3.

County of Los Angeles, Cities of Artesia, Azusa, Beverly Hills, Carson, Commerce Norwalk, Rancho Palos Verdes, Westlake Village, Vernon, Bellflower, Covina, Downey, Monterey Park, and Signal Hill, Co-claimants

Dear Ms. Egoscue:

The Commission on State Mandates is working on the parameters and guidelines for this test claim.

On July 31, 2009, the Commission determined that it is a state mandate for the permittees that are not subject to a trash TMDL to place trash receptacles at all transit stops within their jurisdictions as specified. Permittees subject to a trash TMDL are those in the (1) Los Angeles River and (2) Ballona Creek and Urban Santa Monica Watershed Management Areas (WMAs). Local agencies within those WMAs are listed in Attachment A (p. A-1) of the permit: 15 local agencies within the Ballona Creek and Urban Santa Monica WMA, and 34 local agencies within the Los Angeles River WMA.

Any local agency, as defined in Government Code section 17518, which incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate is eligible to claim reimbursement.

Given the information in the 2001 permit regarding the two WMAs, please explain why the Regional Board comments submitted October 29, 2009, list only Beverly Hills as subject to the Ballona Creek and Urban Santa Monica trash TMDL. Please further explain why your comments included Carson and Downey as local agencies subject to the Los Angeles River trash TMDL, but they are not in the definition of the Los Angeles River WMA in Attachment 1 (p. A-1) of the permit. Of the 34 local agencies in the Los Angeles River WMA listed in attachment 1, please explain why only seven are mentioned in your comments.

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Comments filed with the Commission are required to be simultaneously served on the other interested parties on the mailing list, and to be accompanied by a proof of service. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1181.2.)

Please contact Eric Feller at (916) 323-8221 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paula Higashi".

PAULA HIGASHI
Executive Director

Attachment: Mailing list