EPA – Los Angeles Regional Water Board Meeting

June 15, 2018

Meeting Action Items and Requests

Participants

EPA:

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Los Angeles Region:

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Action Items and Requests

Various

1) RB-4 requested more priority face-to-face meetings with EPA and for EPA to host more regional program meetings on non-point source, standards, permits.
2) RB-4 requested EPA send organizational chart updates regularly (especially when changes are made).
3) EPA to update RB-4 as the Residual Designation Petition case progresses.

Regional MS4 Permit

1) RB-4 requested continued in-kind support, specifically on MS4 and pretreatment audits and EPA offered to speak to SWRCB about in-kind funding at a future Senior Executive meeting or MCC.
2) RB-4 requested meeting with EPA Permits staff to discuss specific provisions.
3) RB-4 asked for EPA presence at Regional MS4 workshops: July and Sept.
4) RB-4 and EPA agreed to coordinate on upcoming tours and press events to highlight MS4 program implementation successes.
5) RB-4 requested technical assistance regarding funding opportunities for permittees.

Unfunded Mandates

1) EPA to continue to provide comments clarifying federal requirements for MS4 permits.

Industrial General Permits

1) RB-4 requested technical assistance (in-kind or other) with city inspector training.

LA River Flow Study

1) RB-4 requested EPA participation in stakeholder group.
2) EPA requested RB-4 share Intuitional Barriers report with EPA – email document and request to Ellen Blake.

NPDES Permits

1) RB-4 requested close coordination with EPA with respect to toxicity and requested EPA attend Board Meeting(s) where Toxicity issues are discussed.
2) Pretreatment support: RB-4 requested EPA continued availability to review submitted documents.
3) RB-4 requested continued engagement on Hyperion and West Basin permits to review report submittals as they come in.

EPA Evaluation Criteria

1) EPA to email NPDES Pilot being discussed with SWRCB (done: sent 6/25/18)

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Basin Planning

1) RB-4 to share State Audit Report with EPA recommending that RBs should do more site-specific studies.
2) RB-4 requested EPA to consider whether the CTR allows modeling via the biotic ligand model as it does for WERs.
3) RB-4 requests that EPA clarify whether WQS variances are available for MS4 discharges.
4) RB-4 asked for a schedule update on de-promulgation for Pb in the LA River

Enforcement

1) RB-4 requested renewed MS4 audit support and additional pre-treatment inspection support (possibly via in-kind support as well).
2) RB-4 requested EPA participate in monthly environmental crime taskforce and EJ taskforce meetings with Cal EPA.
3) RB-4 requested renewed EPA support for inspections of stormwater IGP permittees and non-filers.

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