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Subject: RE: LA Trash TMDL contact

Yes, this was done to obviate the need for future trash TMDLs across the state since the trash policy already requires trash implementation procedures.

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Thank you for your help! I didn't realize the trash policy was approved as a WQS. Very interesting!

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Hi Jillian, the Los Angeles Regional Board completed trash TMDLs for the Los Angeles and Ballona Creek in the mid-2000s. The State Water Resources Control Board approved a statewide trash policy in Dec 2015, which we approved as a water quality standard in 2016. Subsequently, that LA Regional Board updated the trash TMDLs for Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek. Attached are the approval checklists for the LA in 2008 and the update to Ballona and LA River in 2016.

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Hi Nikki,

Thank you for looping back with your former colleagues in R9. We don't have specific interest in one trash TMDL vs. another. We are just hoping to mine some of R9's approval rationale language to better support our own TMDL work Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) hank you!

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Hi Jillian,

Since we last talked, I have started a new position in EPA Region 2 working with the Long Island Sound Study and am now based in Stamford, CT. If you check the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board webpage here, and filter by "pollutant" for trash, you will be able to see all of LA's trash TMDLs starting with the most recent ones. LA posts the TMDL, supporting documentation, approval letter, etc. for each TMDL on their website. I no longer have access to our 2015 records in the region, so I have cc'd my former colleagues Dave, Diane, and Terry. Please let them know if there are specific LA Trash TMDLs of interest to you.

Dave, Diane, and Terry - Jillian is looking for EPA rationale documents for any of the LA Trash TMDL approvals. I saw the approval letter for the 2016 Reconsideration of Trash TMDL for LA River Watershed on their webpage here, but the TMDL checklist is not publicly attached. Can one of you send Jillian the TMDL checklist for the EPA approval of this TMDL? I am forwarding the email chain below for context.

Thank you,
Nikki

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Hi Nikki,

I have another question for you regarding the LA trash TMDLs. The subject never gets old over here ☺

Do you happen to have EPA's approval rationale and/or other decision documents handy for us to review? I remember that the TMDLs were reviewed/revised in 2015 or so. If you have those decision documents from that update as well, I'd be much appreciative. Anything you have will be helpful for us Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thank you,

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Hi Jillian,

I've checked with our San Francisco Regional Board liaisons and they have not worked with the regional board on any trash initiatives. My colleague did notify me that there is a state-level Enforcement action in the San Francisco region regarding a "Violation of Trash Requirements of Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit" (See Attachment Item #7 under Enforcement Items). The action officer name and email address is listed in the attachment.

Per our conversation this morning, the LA TMDLs require permittees to address all point sources of trash in their respective watersheds with full capture systems, or any lawful manger. The statewide Trash Amendments require permittees to address point sources of trash in priority land use areas only. This is the biggest difference between the LA TMDLs and the statewide trash policy. The staff report I previously sent to you is an evaluation of whether the statewide policy would be protective enough of LA waterbodies.

The regional board staff will be more knowledgeable of the success of their implementation plans. I would recommend starting with LB Nye (LB.Nye@waterboards.ca.gov) at the LA Regional Board. Her bosses, Jenny Newman and Renee Purdy, are very knowledgeable as well. The TMDL program manager for the San Francisco Regional Board is Kevin Lunde (Kevin.Lunde@waterboards.ca.gov).

Let me know if you have additional questions and happy to schedule another call if needed.

Thanks,
Nikki

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Hi Nikki,

Thanks so much for all of this helpful information. I will take a look at the staff report to see how the implementation of the TMDL was carried out and is changing with the statewide policy. Perhaps we can set up a call at some point with R9 to discuss the statewide policy and its successes so far?

Do you also happen to work with any folks in the San Francisco area working on their trash implementation strategy to comply with the 2015 statewide policy? Although SF still doesn't receive the amount of rainfall that we're used to here on the East Coast, it at least gets us part of the way there as opposed to the dryer portions of Southern California. One of our goals is to learn how CA's approved structural trash controls work in a rainier climate.

Thank you so much for your help. We really appreciate your expertise.

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Hi Jen,

Thanks for reaching out. I looked through our old records to find contacts for you, but many of the people are no longer working here. I talked to one of the staff who used to work with LA on TMDLs, and he recommended talking to the folks at the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Many of the staff I work with there today were also working when the LA Trash TMDLs were developed. LB Nye (LB.Nye@waterboards.ca.gov), Jenny Newman (Jenny.Newman@waterboards.ca.gov), and Renee Purdy (Renee.Purdy@waterboards.ca.gov) are all very knowledgeable of LA TMDLs.

I will mention that the LA Regional Board is no longer working on trash TMDLs because the state of California passed a statewide trash policy in 2015. What we are seeing now is the LA Regional Board is starting to go back and revise their trash TMDLs to align with the statewide policy. The most recent example is the Revolon Slough/Beardsley Wash Trash TMDL. This TMDL has not yet been submitted to EPA, but it is making its way through California processes. The staff report includes an evaluation of the effectiveness of the implementation of the 2007 TMDL and how that may affect revisions to the TMDL. Most of the proposed revisions to this TMDL are limited to the implementation section of the TMDL. There are no proposed changes to the numeric targets, loading capacity, waste load allocations, load allocations, etc.

Happy to try to answer any more questions.

Thanks,
Nikki

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Hi Nikki,
I saw your contact info on R9's TMDL webpage as the liaison for the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board. Jillian Adair, Micka Peck and I are in R3 and we are working on a revision for the Anacostia Trash TMDL. We wanted to talk with R9 folks who worked on the LA Trash TMDL. We recently received new data and are considering several options for revising the TMDL including using the LA trash TMDL approach. We'd like to hear any lessons learned and how the implementation has been going especially related to MS4s. Please let us know if you are the correct contact or if you can provide other contacts for further discussion. Thanks, Jen

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