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November 18, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

55 of November 18, 2014

SACHI A HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PARTICIPATION IN THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STORMWATER MONITORING COALITIONS COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT AND RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to enter into a Cooperative Agreement to continue its participation in the Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition and its Stormwater Research Needs Program and enter into subsequent Research Implementation Agreements to fund research studies that cannot be accommodated by the Cooperative Agreement and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into Research Implementation Agreements, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, with parties to the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement, as well as other entities, to fund research studies that are not part of the Collaborative Agreement and are of particular benefit to the County. The estimated total cost of these actions shall not exceed \$800,000 for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District nor \$300,000 for the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

- 1. Find that the proposed project in the recommendations below is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
- 2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to enter into a Cooperative Agreement to continue its participation in the Southern California

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Stormwater Monitoring Coalition and its Stormwater Research Needs Program through June 30, 2019, and approve associated annual contributions not to exceed \$100,000.

3. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to enter into subsequent Research Implementation Agreements by June 30, 2019, for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000, with parties to the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement, as well as other entities, to fund research studies that cannot be accommodated by the annual contributions of the Cooperative Agreement. Authorization will be limited to special studies that are related to regulatory requirements and/or designed to obtain reasonable water quality standards.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

- 1. Find that the proposed project in the recommendations below is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
- 2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into Research Implementation Agreements by June 30, 2019, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, with parties to the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement, as well as other entities, for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000, to fund research studies that are not part of the Collaborative Agreement and are of particular benefit to the County. Authorization will be limited to special studies that are related to regulatory requirements and/or designed to obtain reasonable water quality standards.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purposes of the recommended actions are to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) or her designee to enter into a Cooperative Agreement, substantially similar to Enclosure A, to continue its participation in the Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC) and its Stormwater Research Needs Program through June 30, 2019, and approve associated annual contributions not to exceed \$100,000; to authorize the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee to enter into subsequent Research Implementation Agreements by June 30, 2019, for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000, with parties to the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement, as well as other entities, to fund research studies that cannot be accommodated by the annual contributions of the Cooperative Agreement; to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into Research Implementation Agreements by June 30, 2019, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, with parties to the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement, as well as other entities, for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000, to fund research studies that are not part of the Collaborative Agreement and are of particular benefit to the County; and to find that these actions are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Participation will be limited to research projects or monitoring programs that are regulatory requirements and/or designed to improve stormwater management or obtain reasonable water quality standards.

On June 4, 2008, the Board authorized the LACFCD's continued participation in the SMC and its Stormwater Research Needs Program for a period of 5 years, which ended in 2013. On April 21, 2009, the Board authorized the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD to enter into an agreement with the SMC member agencies to fund stormwater-related scientific studies during the aforementioned period.

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The SMC and its Stormwater Research Needs Program seek to gather technical information and develop tools necessary to effectively manage stormwater by coordinating the efforts of participating agencies. During the previous 5-year agreement period, the LACFCD contributed approximately \$200,000, plus in-kind services, toward several stormwater-related research projects conducted by the SMC. Those efforts have helped the LACFCD and the County comply with regulatory requirements and enhanced the LACFCD's and County's overall scientific understanding of stormwater management issues. Should the requested authorizations be approved, the LACFCD and unincorporated communities of the County would continue to benefit from the SMC projects.

Formed in 2001, SMC is a collaboration of stormwater management and regulatory agencies in Southern California with the goal of developing stormwater-related research projects. Parties to the Collaborative Agreement include the LACFCD; the Counties of Orange and San Diego; the Ventura County Watershed Protection District; the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; the San Bernardino County Flood Control District; the Cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and San Diego; the California Department of Transportation; the Los Angeles Regional, Santa Ana Regional, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards; the State Water Resources Control Board; and the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1). Participation in the SMC and funding of research studies by the SMC supports the capacity to sustain essential services through proactive and prudent fiscal policies and stewardship. This is accomplished by enhancing the LACFCD's and the County's ability to generate scientific knowledge on stormwater and urban runoff management issues required for decision making and policy formation through a cooperative partnership that allows the LACFCD and County to effectively leverage the LACFCD's and County's resources using a collaborative effort.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

As shown in Exhibit A of Enclosure A, the LACFCD's estimated annual contribution for the period ending in June 30, 2015, is \$23,658.75. Funds to cover that annual contribution are available in the LACFCD Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget.

The LACFCD's annual contribution during the remaining 4 years of the Cooperative Agreement (i.e., Fiscal Years 2015-16 through 2018-19) will vary from year to year depending on the number of SMC projects in which the LACFCD agrees to participate. However, the annual contributions will not exceed \$100,000. In addition, the LACFCD's total contribution to fund the aforementioned subsequent Research Implementation Agreements will not exceed \$300,000. Thus, the total cost of the LACFCD's contributions associated with the Cooperative Agreement and contributions associated with the subsequent Research Implementation Agreements shall not exceed \$700,000. Funds sufficient to cover these contributions will be requested through the LACFCD's annual budget process for Fiscal Years 2015-16 through 2018-19.

The County's contribution associated with the aforementioned subsequent Research Implementation Agreements, in which the County agrees to participate, will not exceed \$300,000. Funds sufficient to cover these contributions will be requested through the annual budget process for the Public Works General Fund under the Unincorporated Area Stormwater Program for Fiscal Years 2015-16 through 2018-19.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This authorization will allow the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee to enter into a Cooperative Agreement substantially similar to the Cooperative Agreement in Enclosure A. The Cooperative Agreement in Enclosure A has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. This authorization will also allow the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee and the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into subsequent Research Implementation Agreements. Pursuant to the Board's delegation of authority, subsequent Research Implementation Agreements will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activities are statutorily exempt from CEQA. The proposed agreements with the SMC and associated funding for conducting stormwater-related scientific studies involve feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which have not been approved, adopted, or funded, and therefore, are exempt under Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines. Further, the proposed activities do not include the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities. Public Works will return to the Board for approval of any projects recommended as a result of the SMC studies, along with the appropriate environmental documentation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will have no adverse impact on current LACFCD or County services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STORMWATER MONITORING COALITION

THIS AGREEMENT, for purposes of identification numbered D13-014, is made and entered into this day of , 2014, by and between the County of Orange, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the County of San Diego, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the San Bernardino County Flood Control District, the City of Long Beach, the City of Los Angeles, the City of San Diego, the Regional Water Quality Control Board - Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Regional Board), the Regional Water Quality Control Board - Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Regional Board), the Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Diego Region (San Diego Regional Board), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), and the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP). These entities are hereinafter sometimes jointly referred to as the "PARTIES" and individually as "PARTY". The County of Orange, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the County of San Diego, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the San Bernardino County Flood Control District, the City of Long Beach, the City of Los Angeles, and the City of San Diego are sometimes jointly referred to as "MUNICIPAL PARTIES". These MUNICIPAL PARTIES with CALTRANS are sometimes referred to as "FUNDING PARTIES" and individually referred to as "FUNDING PARTY". The Los Angeles Regional Board, the Santa Ana Regional Board, and the San Diego Regional Boards are sometimes jointly referred to as "REGIONAL BOARDS."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Section 402(p) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342(p)) contains provisions for municipal and industrial stormwater discharge permits; and,

WHEREAS, these provisions require the control of pollutants from stormwater discharges by requiring a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

permit under authority granted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to allow the lawful discharge of stormwater into waters of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, in southern California, NPDES stormwater permits have been issued by the REGIONAL BOARDS in the respective counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura naming the counties, cities and flood control/watershed protection districts as co-permittees; and,

WHEREAS, certain counties or districts that are PARTIES to this AGREEMENT are acting on behalf of the co-permittees with respect to their countywide NPDES stormwater permit pursuant to local agreements; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach has received an individual NPDES stormwater permit from the Los Angeles Regional Board; and

WHEREAS, CALTRANS has received a statewide NPDES stormwater permit from the State Water Board; and,

WHEREAS, all the NPDES stormwater permits issued to the MUNICIPAL PARTIES and CALTRANS have requirements for extensive monitoring and encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperation in monitoring; and,

WHEREAS, the State Water Board has established a Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program to integrate existing water quality monitoring activities of the State Water Board and the REGIONAL BOARDS, and to coordinate with other monitoring programs; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of SCCWRP, a Joint Powers Authority established in 1969, is to contribute to the scientific understanding of linkages among human activities, natural events and the health of the southern California coastal environment, and whose goal is to develop, participate in and coordinate programs to further this mission; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the
County of San Diego, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, the Riverside
County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the San Bernardino County Flood
Control District, the City of Long Beach, the REGIONAL BOARDS, and SCCWRP through
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Agreement D99-072 identified and prioritized the research needs to begin to develop the methodologies and assessment tools to understand more effectively the urban stormwater and non-stormwater (anthropogenic) impacts on receiving waters and undertook some initial collaborative projects; and,

WHEREAS, Agreement D99-072 had a term of 5 years and expired on February 8, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the parties to Agreement D99-072, as well as the City of Los Angeles, the State Water Board, and CALTRANS, subsequently approved Agreement D06-049 to continue the work started under Agreement D99-072 for an additional five year period through June 4, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, many of the scientific and technical tools for stormwater program implementation, assessment and monitoring are still not fully developed and the collaborative experience of participation in the Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition ("SMC") has proven beneficial in acquiring knowledge about urban stormwater and non-stormwater (anthropogenic) impacts on receiving waters; and,

WHEREAS, the PARTIES desire to continue the work of the SMC for future years and to streamline the approval of collaborative projects through annual operating budgets reflecting the specific projects each PARTY seeks to fund; and,

WHEREAS, the PARTIES agree that some monies currently directed to NPDES compliance monitoring by the MUNICIPAL PERMITTEES and CALTRANS may be appropriately directed to cooperative efforts to develop these needed scientific and technical tools for stormwater program implementation, assessment and monitoring.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the PARTIES hereto as follows:

Section 1. PURPOSE. This AGREEMENT is entered into for the purpose of
continuing the implementation of the cooperative Stormwater Research Needs Program
("PROGRAM") in southern California that was developed under Agreement D99-072 and
updated under Agreement D06-049. The key focus of the PROGRAM is to develop scientific
and technical tools for stormwater program implementation, assessment, and monitoring

that are currently not fully developed or require updating and, as a result, impede effective stormwater management.

Section 2. TERM. The term of this AGREEMENT shall commence December 16, 2014 or the date this Agreement is fully executed, whichever is later, and shall continue until June 30, 2019.

Section 3. STORMWATER MONITORING COALITION. The Program shall be overseen by the SMC Steering Committee. Each PARTY shall appoint a member and an alternate, who will act for the member in their absence, to the SMC Steering Committee. Each year, the members of the SMC Steering Committee shall, by majority vote, elect a chair from amongst its membership to serve a one-year term. The SMC Steering Committee shall meet from time to time upon the request of the chair, but at least every six months. The SMC Steering Committee shall be responsible for the preparation and oversight of an annual operating budget ("BUDGET") and separate research implementation agreements ("RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS"), as necessary, to fund stormwater program implementation, assessment and monitoring studies that exceed the maximum BUDGET, as described below in Section 4.f. Water quality data from research studies will be made available to the PARTIES in California Environmental Data Exchange Network compatible format. The SMC Steering Committee shall prepare an annual report for the PARTIES by October 1 of each year, describing the progress made in the prior year ending June 30.

Section 4. PROGRAM BUDGET AND COSTS.

a. Before December 15 of each year, the SMC Steering Committee shall develop and provide to the FUNDING PARTIES a BUDGET and work plan ("WORK PLAN") for the following fiscal year that starts the following July 1. The BUDGET and WORK PLAN shall contain an estimate of all planned expenditures, an estimate of the payment required from each FUNDING PARTY for the following fiscal year based on the specific projects each FUNDING PARTY seeks to fund, and a description of the planned work and designated lead PARTY for each project. FUNDING PARTIES are not required to fund any project they choose not to participate in.

b. The BUDGET and WORK PLAN for the first fiscal year through June 30, 2015 are included as Exhibit A to this AGREEMENT, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- c. The funding shares for projects identified in the BUDGET and WORK PLAN shall be equal for each FUNDING PARTY who chooses to participate, except for the City of Long Beach, which shall pay a half funding share for each project.
- d. The maximum BUDGET shall be three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for each fiscal year for the FUNDING PARTIES collectively and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each fiscal year individually for each FUNDING PARTY.
- e. The FUNDING PARTIES included in the BUDGET and WORKPLAN shall be permitted to review and approve the BUDGET for the forthcoming year. Written approval of the annual BUDGET and WORKPLAN shall be affirmative written responses provided by at least seven of the nine FUNDING PARTIES (or at least seventy-five percent of FUNDING PARTIES if fewer than nine FUNDING PARTIES participate).
- f. Research studies that cannot be accommodated under the current BUDGET of that fiscal year shall be accomplished through RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS, which shall be prepared by the SMC Steering Committee. These RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS shall designate a lead PARTY or other agency to manage the research study and shall identify funding sources sufficient to complete the research study. The PARTIES to this AGREEMENT, as well as other entities not signatory to this AGREEMENT, may, by written agreement, become parties to these RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS. Parties to these RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS will be submitted for approval to the appropriate governing board and/or official with authority to enter into contracts and are not binding on the parties to that agreement until so approved.

Section 5. INVOICES AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT. SCCWRP shall serve as budget manager ("BUDGET MANAGER") for the SMC. The BUDGET MANAGER shall invoice each FUNDING PARTY for its share of the approved BUDGET, as shown on Exhibit A, within 30 days of the initial approval of this AGREEMENT. For subsequent fiscal years, the BUDGET MANAGER shall invoice each FUNDING PARTY for its share of the approved BUDGET at the beginning (July 1st) of each fiscal year. Each FUNDING PARTY shall pay its share of the BUDGET within 45 days of the date of the invoice. Each FUNDING PARTY invoice shall be based on its share of the approved BUDGET, reduced for any surplus identified in the prior fiscal year end accounting and any interest earned. Interest will not be paid but will be credited against the FUNDING PARTY'S share of the approved BUDGET.

The BUDGET MANAGER shall notify each FUNDING PARTY if it appears that costs may exceed the total BUDGET, or project costs identified in the BUDGET, approved by the FUNDING PARTIES in any fiscal year. The BUDGET MANAGER shall prepare a fiscal year end accounting within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. If the fiscal year end accounting results in costs (net of interest earnings) exceeding the sum of deposits, and the BUDGET MANAGER has notified and obtained approval from the FUNDING PARTIES in the form of a revised approved BUDGET, the BUDGET MANAGER shall invoice each FUNDING PARTY for its prorated share of the excess cost up to the amount of the revised approved BUDGET. Each FUNDING PARTY shall pay the invoice within 45 calendar days of the date of the invoice. If a revised BUDGET is not approved, the BUDGET MANAGER shall provide recommendations for review and approval of the FUNDING PARTIES, including steps from modification to termination of research studies, to assure that costs do not exceed the total BUDGET while preserving completed research to the maximum extent.

The BUDGET MANAGER shall issue and manage contracts for the SMC consistent with its established policies and procedures, which shall be provided to PARTIES upon request. The PARTIES shall be notified of the intent to issue contracts to perform the $\frac{6}{6}$ Final Draft 9-9-14

WORK PLAN, shall be permitted to participate in the preparation and review of the scope of work for such contracts, and to serve on the committee evaluating consultant qualifications / proposals.

The BUDGET MANAGER shall be entitled to charge administrative costs, not to exceed 5 percent of the annual BUDGET, for the services provided.

Upon termination of this AGREEMENT, a final accounting shall be performed by the BUDGET MANAGER. If costs (net of interest earnings) exceed the sum of the deposits and the BUDGET MANAGER has notified and obtained approval from the FUNDING PARTIES in the form of a revised approved BUDGET, the BUDGET MANAGER shall invoice each FUNDING PARTY for its prorated share of the excess. Each FUNDING PARTY shall pay the invoice within 45 days of the date of the invoice. If the sum of the deposits exceeds the costs, the BUDGET MANAGER shall reimburse to each PARTY its prorated share of the excess, within 45 days of the final accounting. Interest earnings will be used to offset the FUNDING PARTIES' share of program costs and will not be refunded to the FUNDING PARTIES except upon final termination of the AGREEMENT.

Section 6. GRANTS. All PARTIES, excepting the State Water Board and the REGIONAL BOARDS, shall use their best efforts to obtain grants to provide funding for the BUDGET and RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS.

Section 7. ADDITIONAL PARTIES. It is recognized that there may be other parties who wish to participate in and provide funding for the PROGRAM. Nothing in this AGREEMENT is intended to preclude additional participants being added by an amendment to this AGREEMENT pursuant to Section 9.

Section 8. REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS. It is mutually understood and agreed that, merely by entering into this AGREEMENT, the regulatory responsibilities and obligations of each PARTY are in no manner modified. Any such

responsibilities and obligations remain the same, while this AGREEMENT is in force, as they were before this AGREEMENT was made.

Section 9. AMENDMENT. This AGREEMENT may be amended upon the written approval of all of the PARTIES.

Section 10. LIABILITY. It is mutually understood and agreed that, merely by virtue of entering into this AGREEMENT, each PARTY neither relinquishes liability for its own action nor assumes liability for the actions of other PARTIES. It is the intent of the PARTIES that liability of each PARTY shall remain the same, while this AGREEMENT is in force, as it was before this AGREEMENT was made. Liability provisions in RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS shall be addressed separately in each such agreement.

Section 11. TERMINATION. Any PARTY wishing to terminate its participation in this AGREEMENT shall provide ninety (90) days written notice to all the other PARTIES of its intent to withdraw. Such termination shall be effective ninety (90) days after the notice is received or deemed received ("EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION").

The remaining PARTIES may continue in the performance of the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT or may elect to terminate this AGREEMENT. Termination does not release the withdrawing party from commitments of resources to projects made prior to the notice of termination.

Section 12. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. The obligation of each FUNDING PARTY is subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this purpose, and nothing herein shall be construed as obligating the FUNDING PARTIES to expend money in excess of appropriations authorized by law. All obligations of CALTRANS under the terms of this Agreement are subject to the appropriation of resources by the Legislature, State Budget Act authority, and the allocation of funds by the California Transportation Commission.

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Section 13. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this AGREEMENT is intended or shall be construed to give any person, other than the PARTIES hereto, and any permitted successors, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this AGREEMENT or any provisions herein contained. This AGREEMENT and any conditions and provisions hereof is intended to be and is for the sole and exclusive benefit of the PARTIES hereto and the others mentioned above, and for the benefit of no other person.

Section 14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY SIGNATORIES. Each of the PARTIES (and all subsequent parties to this AGREEMENT) hereby acknowledge that the State Water Board and the REGIONAL BOARDS serve in regulatory capacities over many of the PARTIES and subsequent parties to this Agreement, including (without limitation) as the permitting authorities for NPDES stormwater permits. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to alter the nature or scope of those regulatory relationships in any manner whatsoever.

Section 15. REFERENCE TO CALENDAR DAYS. Any reference to the word "day" or "days" herein shall mean calendar day or calendar days, respectively, unless otherwise expressly provided.

Section 16. SEVERABILITY. If any part of this AGREEMENT is held, determined or adjudicated to be illegal, void, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this AGREEMENT shall be given effect to the fullest extent reasonably possible.

Section 17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The PARTIES desire to resolve as quickly and as amicably as possible any disputes as to the meaning of any portion of this AGREEMENT, the validity of any determination or calculation, or the rights or obligations of the PARTIES pursuant hereto. Therefore, prior to initiation by a PARTY of any litigation or other proceeding in connection with this AGREEMENT, the PARTIES shall meet and make good-faith efforts to resolve any such disputes on an informal basis. The PARTY that

first raises a claim against other PARTIES in connection with a dispute shall be responsible for providing written notice to such other PARTIES and thereby initiating the informal dispute resolution efforts. Such informal efforts may include mediation of the dispute if agreed to by the PARTIES involved in the dispute. Not sooner than thirty (30) days after diligent efforts to resolve a dispute have been initiated, if the PARTIES have been unable to resolve the dispute on such informal basis, any PARTY involved in the dispute may, in its discretion and after providing written notice to the other PARTIES that the informal dispute-resolution efforts are being terminated, proceed to take any and all such action to enforce or protect its rights as permitted by law and/or this AGREEMENT. If a PARTY initiates informal dispute resolution with respect to a dispute, any statutory limitation for filing of a court action or commencement of any other proceeding shall be tolled for a period of days equal to the number of days that elapsed between delivery of the notice initiating informal dispute resolution and the notice terminating informal dispute-resolution.

Section 18. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. The terms and provisions of this AGREEMENT shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the PARTIES hereto and their successors and assigns.

Section 19. NOTICES. All notices required or desired to be given under this AGREEMENT shall be in writing and (a) delivered personally, or (b) sent by certified mail, return receipt requested or (c) sent by telefacsimile communication followed by a mailed copy, to the addresses specified below, provided each PARTY may change the address for notices by giving the other PARTIES at least ten (10) days written notice of the new address. Notices shall be deemed received when actually received in the office of the addressee or when delivery is refused, as shown on the receipt of the U.S. Postal service, or other person making the delivery, except that notices sent by

telefacsimile communication shall be deemed received on the first business day following delivery. 2 3 4 9370 Chesapeake Dr., Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123 Director, OC Public Works 5 County of Orange Commissioner, Board of Public P.O. Box 4048 Works 6 Santa Ana, CA 92702-4048 200 North Spring St, Suite 361 Los Angeles, CA 90012. 7 Chief Engineer Los Angeles County Flood Executive Officer 8 Control District Los Angeles RWQCB 320 W. 4th St., Suite 200 Watershed Management Division Los Angeles, CA 90013 900 S. Fremont Ave. 9 Alhambra, CA 91803 Fax: (213) 576-6640 10 Director Executive Officer Ventura County W.P. District Santa Ana RWQCB 11 800 S. Victoria 3737 Main St., Suite 500 Ventura, CA 93009-1610 Riverside, CA 92501 12 Fax: (951) 781-6288 General Manager-Chief Engineer Executive Officer Riverside County FC&WCD 13 1995 Market St. San Diego RWQCB Riverside, CA 92501 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 14 100 Flood Control Engineer San Diego, CA 92108 15 County of San Bernardino FCD Fax: (619) 516-1994 825 E. 3rd Street Chief Environmental Engineer 16 San Bernardino, CA 92415-0835 CALTRANS MS-27 P.O. Box 942874 Asst. Director of Public Works Sacramento, CA 94274-0001 17 County of San Diego 5510 Overland Ave., Suite 410 Executive Director 18 San Diego, CA 92123 State Water Resources Control Board 19 Director of Public Works P.O. Box 100 City Hall, 9th Floor Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 20 333 West Ocean Boulevard Long Beach CA 90802 Executive Director SCCWRP 21 Director, Transportation & 3535 Harbor Blvd. Storm Water Department Costa Mesa, CA 92626 22 City of San Diego

Section 209. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT. This AGREEMENT may be executed in

counterpart and the signed counterparts shall constitute a single instrument.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT, a joint powers agency By: STEPHEN B. WEISBERG Date: Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A

Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition WORK PLAN and BUDGET for first fiscal year through June 30, 2015

WORK PLAN

1. Laboratory Intercalibration Study for Total Suspended Solids, Nutrients, Trace metals and Organics – Project Lead SCCWRP

The laboratory intercalibration for TSS, nutrients, trace metals and organics will follow a similar pattern as the previous intercalibrations (described in detail in the SMC Laboratory Guidance Manual). In brief, this involves creating a laboratory working group, selection of samples and constituents, and iterative testing. All previously participating laboratories will be invited to take part in the exercise, but any new laboratory that wishes to participate will be included. There will be three matrices used for intercalibration. The first will be a reference material, created especially for this exercise, with levels of constituents similar to those found in stormwater. The second matrix will be a runoff sample from an urban catchment. The third matrix will be a runoff sample from an undeveloped catchment. As in the previous intercalibration exercise, artificial rainfall may be used to generate runoff depending on sampling needs and logistics. Triplicate samples of the two runoff matrices will be distributed blind to each of the participating laboratories. The testing on these three matrices will be conducted at least twice so laboratories can correct measurement deficiencies detected in the first round of testing.

2. Research Agenda Follow-up Studies - Project Lead to be determined

The update of the SMC five-year research agenda (to be completed in early 2014) will identify data gaps that inhibit effective stormwater management and/or regulation, then prescribe specific studies to address them. Each study is intended to result in specific actions or recommendations that benefit the stormwater community. Funding is allocated to conduct initial follow-up studies upon completion of the updated research agenda.

3. SMC Regional Monitoring Program Implementation – Project Lead SCCWRP

The SMC regional monitoring program has completed the first five year cycle and is embarking on planning for the next five-year implementation. Planning for the 2015-2019 sampling will include consideration of program design changes to address new or revised questions, addition of new monitoring partners, and/or modifications to the list of indicators included in the program. Tasks include: developing a design for the 2015-19 monitoring program; producing a monitoring plan, including sampling procedures and QA measures as well as an overall budget for the program; conducting training, intercalibrations, and audits; and, conducting field reconnaissance and sampling coordination.

4. SMC Workplan Administration – Project Lead SCCWRP

Task administrative costs for contractor to support SMC Steering Committee in managing the services in this workplan.

5. SCCWRP Administrative Costs

Costs for SCCWRP as BUDGET MANAGER to provide administration based on a five percent charge.

BUDGET

The monetary obligation of the WORK PLAN shall be distributed among the FUNDING PARTIES as follows:

	Intercali- bration Study	Research Agenda Follow-up	SMC Regional Monitoring	SMC Workplan Admin.	SCCWRP Admin. Costs*	Total
County of Orange	\$7,647.06	\$4,761.90	\$8,218.42	\$1,904.76	\$1,126.61	\$23,658.75
Los Angeles County FCD	\$7,647.06	\$4,761.90	\$8,218.42	\$1,904.76	\$1,126.61	\$23,658.75
County of San Diego	\$7,647.06**	\$4,761.90	\$8,218.42	\$1,904.76	\$1,126.61	\$23,658.75**
Riverside County FCD	\$7,647.06	\$4,761.90	\$8,218.42	\$1,904.76	\$1,126.61	\$23,658.75
San Bernardino FCD	0	\$4,761.90	\$8,218.42	\$1,904.76	\$744.25	\$15,629.33
Ventura County WPD	\$7,647.06	\$4,761.90	\$8,218.42	\$1,904.76	\$1,126.61	\$23,658.75
City of Los Angeles	\$7,647.06	\$4,761.90	\$8,218.42	\$1,904.76	\$1,126.61	\$23,658.75
City of San Diego	\$7,647.06	\$4,761.90	\$8,218.42	\$1,904.76	\$1,126.61	\$23,658.75
CALTRANS	0	\$4,761.90	0	\$1,904.76	\$333.31	\$6,999.97
SCCWRP	\$7,647.06	\$4,761.90	\$8,218.42	\$1,904.76	\$1,126.61	\$23,658.75
City of Long Beach (half share)	\$3,823.52	\$2,381.00	\$4,109.22	\$952.40	\$563.31	\$11,829.15
Total	\$65,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$78,075.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,653.75	\$223,728.45

Total Budget \$223,728.45

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^{*5%} charge based on project participation

**County of San Diego to pay \$6,801.86 (total \$22,813.55) this fiscal year and the balance of \$845.20 in 2014-15 subject to appropriations

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