



Dear Stakeholder and Interested Party,

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for proposed Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMP). The LACFCD role is charged with providing flood risk management, water conservation, and recreation and aesthetic enhancement within its boundaries. The LACFCD, the County of Los Angeles, and 84 incorporated cities within Los Angeles County (collectively referred to as Permittees) are covered under federal clean water regulations ("permits") for the discharge of urban runoff to waters of the United States. The purpose is to ensure Permittees are not undermining water quality objectives of the Los Angeles region.

Under the 2012 MS4 Permit for Los Angeles County, Permittees have the option of implementing an innovative approach to Permit compliance through development of EWMPs. The LACFCD, along with participating cities, has opted to exercise this option through the development of 12 EWMPs in their respective watershed groups. These proposed projects will be submitted to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB). The LARWQCB is responsible for approval or denial of the EWMPs in compliance with the MS4 Permit. Implementation of the EWMPs would occur following approval by the LARWQCB.

The LACFCD will be working with the applicable permittees and other stakeholders in all 12 EWMP watersheds to develop these projects which will include the diversion of stormwater for water recharge and reuse opportunities which may constitute a significant change in environmental conditions. The LACFCD is soliciting feedback from interested persons and agencies as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be evaluated in the PEIR.

The Lead Agency (LACFCD) develops the NOP to notify Responsible and Trustee Agencies and interested parties that the LACFCD is preparing the PEIR for the proposed project. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the PEIR can be accessed at: www.LACoH2Osheds.com

We will continue to keep you informed of the process.