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Mr. Samuel Unger, Executive Officer
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Los Angeles Region
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Attention: Ivar Ridgeway

Dear Mr. Unger:

**SUBMITTAL OF THE ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR
UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA GROUP**

Please find attached the Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Area Group. The City of Los Angeles, as lead agency for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Area Group, has prepared this EWMP on behalf of itself (the City of Los Angeles) and 18 other agencies namely, the City of Alhambra, City of Burbank, City of Calabasas, City of Glendale, City of Hidden Hills, City of La Canada Flintridge, City of Montebello, City of Monterey Park, City of Pasadena, City of Rosemead, City of San Fernando, City of San Gabriel, City of San Marino, City of South El Monte, City of South Pasadena, City of Temple City, Los Angeles County, and Los Angeles County Flood Control District. All partner agencies have reviewed the EWMP for submission to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). The ULAR EWMP is the largest of all the EWMPs being developed in the Los Angeles (LA) region, representing 485 square miles of watershed and over 50 miles of mainstem LA River from its headwaters to just above the estuary. Collaboration by all partner agencies throughout the process has resulted in a comprehensive water quality document.

The EWMP for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Area Group satisfies the requirements stipulated in the Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County (except those discharges originating from the City of Long Beach MS4) (Order No. R4-2012-0175), which became effective on December 28, 2012. The EWMP was developed utilizing a multi-

pollutant approach that maximizes the retention and use of urban runoff as a resource while creating additional benefits for the communities in the ULAR watershed.

We appreciate the discussions with your staff throughout the development of the EWMP. Should you have any questions about this submittal, please contact me at Shahram.Kharaghani@lacity.org or phone (213) 485-0587, or your staff may contact Alfredo Magallanes at Alfredo.Magallanes@lacity.org or (213) 485-3958.

Sincerely,


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