

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
September 10, 2008

- ITEM: 8
- SUBJECT: NPDES Permit Addendum: The Regional Board will consider adoption of Tentative Addendum No. 2 to Order No. R9-2007-0001, NPDES Permit No. CAS0108758, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Urban Runoff from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds of the County of San Diego, the Incorporated Cities of San Diego County, the San Diego Unified Port District, and the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Copermittees)*. (Christina Arias and Lilian Busse)
- PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Regional Board to consider adoption of the Tentative Addendum No. 2 (Supporting Document 1) to Order No. R9-2007-0001 that will extend the reporting due date for the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination program component to December 15th and modify specific bioassessment monitoring requirements.
- PUBLIC NOTICE: Public Notice of this item was published in the San Diego Union Tribune and mailed to the Copermittees on August 8, 2008 (Supporting Document 2). On August 8, 2008, interested persons were also notified by email and the item was posted on the Regional Board web page. The notification of this action was also included in the September 10, 2008 agenda notice, which was mailed on August 15, 2008. A Notice of Changed Public Hearing Location (Supporting Document 3) was published in San Diego Union Tribune on August 27, 2008.
- DISCUSSION: The San Diego Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System NPDES permit (Order No. R9-2007-0001) was adopted by the Regional Board on January 24, 2007. The permit includes several elements within the Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP), including Development Planning, Construction, Existing Development, Illicit Discharge and Elimination, Education, and Public

Participation. Part of the Illicit Discharge and Elimination program element involves water quality monitoring during the dry season, defined as May 1st through September 30th. Currently, the Regional Board receives a truncated report with incomplete data in order to meet the JURMP Annual Report deadline of September 30th. Because this current reporting requirement is on the same calendar day as the end of the dry weather season, more time is needed for reporting all dry season monitoring and program information together. In a May 14, 2008 letter (Supporting Document 4), the Copermittees requested an extension of the annual reporting date for the dry season water quality monitoring report. Tentative Addendum No. 2 would extend the annual reporting deadline for the entire Illicit Discharge and Elimination Program component from September 30th to December 15th. This change will assist Regional Board review of the Illicit Discharge and Elimination Program component and the evaluation of water quality trends within a single dry season. Extending the reporting deadline to December 15th will not affect the requirements to implement the Illicit Discharge and Elimination Program under the existing deadlines.

The Receiving Waters and Urban Runoff Monitoring and Reporting Program requires the Copermittees to conduct bioassessment each year in May or June and September or October. Tentative Addendum No. 2 will give the Copermittees the option to reduce the bioassessment sampling from twice per year to once per year provided they participate in the Storm Water Monitoring Coalition Regional Watershed Monitoring Program (SMC study), a large-scale, regional bioassessment monitoring program (Supporting Document 5). The SMC study will provide an accurate assessment of stream health in southern California and participation by the Copermittees in the SMC study will enhance their bioassessment monitoring efforts.

On August 8, 2008 (Supporting Document 6), Tentative Addendum No. 2 was mailed to the Copermittees.

KEY ISSUES

Tentative Addendum No. 2 addresses only minor changes to the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination program reporting and specific bioassessment monitoring requirements of Order No. R9-2007-0001. The addendum does not open the other requirements of Order No. R9-2007-0001 for change or comment.

LEGAL CONCERNS:

None

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS:

1. Tentative Addendum No. 2 to Order No. R9-2007-0001.
2. Public Notice, dated August 8, 2008
3. Notice of Changed Public Hearing Location, dated August 27, 2008
4. Copermitees Letter Requesting Extension, dated May 14, 2008
5. Regional Monitoring of Southern California's Coastal Watersheds, Stormwater Monitoring Coalition Bioassessment Working Group, SCCWRP Technical Report 539, December 2008.
6. Transmittal Letter to Copermitees, dated August 8, 2008

RECOMMENDATION(S): Adopt Tentative Addendum No. 2 to Order No. R9-2007-0001.