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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Mr. Alex Tachiki  
Deputy Director  
City of Monrovia  
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Monrovia, CA 91016

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE MAXIMIZING IMPACT OF MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES SCIENTIFIC STUDY**

Dear Mr. Tachiki:

This letter serves to express the support of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) for the proposed *Maximizing Impact of Minimum Control Measures* (MCMs) scientific study to facilitate the development of tools to quantitatively estimate the effectiveness of MCMs and recommend implementation strategies for the optimization of MCMs.

MCMs required by the current and previous MS4 Permits issued by the Los Angeles Water Board require(d) the implementation of non-structural best management Practices (BMPs) including street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, illicit connections and illicit discharges elimination program, facilities inspection and enforcement programs, and public information and participation programs. Such control measures prevent pollutants from being generated in the first place or address them near the source before they can be transported downstream and are often the most direct and cost-effective ways to reduce pollution in our communities and receiving waters. The Los Angeles Water Board is supportive of efforts that include robust, development of methodologies to better understand the impacts of MCMs, which are currently reflected through water quality monitoring and baseline watershed models. Additionally, we are supportive of studies that can quantify the benefits of optimizing MCMs towards water quality results, which can then be used to claim credit towards Watershed Management Program (WMP) milestones.

Sincerely,

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Unit Chief  
Stormwater Permitting Unit