

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND
THE CITY OF GARDENA

FOR COST SHARING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COORDINATED
INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM (CIMP) FOR THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA

This Agreement is made and entered into as of November 28, 2018, by and between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), a California Joint Powers Authority, and the City of Gardena, a municipal corporation ("Permit Holder").

RECITALS

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "PERMITTEES" shall mean the Cities of Los Angeles, Carson, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) and the County of Los Angeles (County).
2. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) have classified the Greater Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4) as a large MS4 pursuant to 40 CFR section 122.26(b)(4) and a major facility pursuant to 40 CFR section 122.2.
3. The Regional Board adopted National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System MS4 Permit Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Order No. R4-2012-0175 (MS4 Permit).
4. The MS4 Permit became effective on December 28, 2012, and requires that the LACFCD, the COUNTY, and 84 of the 88 cities (excluding Avalon, Long Beach, Palmdale, and Lancaster) within the County comply with the prescribed elements of the MS4 Permit.
5. The MS4 Permit identified the PERMITTEES as MS4 PERMITTEES that are responsible for compliance with the MS4 Permit requirements pertaining to the PERMITTEES collective jurisdictional area in the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area.
6. The PERMITTEES elected voluntarily to collaborate on the development of a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) in accordance with the MS4 Permit for a portion of the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area as identified in Exhibit A of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to comply with all applicable monitoring requirements of the MS4 Permit.
7. The United States Environmental Protection Agency established the Total Maximum Daily Loads ("TMDL") for Toxic Pollutants on March 23, 2012, with the intent of protecting and improving water quality in the Dominguez

Channel and the Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters (“Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL”).

8. The Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL regulates certain discharges from National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit holders, requiring organization and cooperation among the PERMITTEES.
9. The PERMITTEES manage, drain or convey storm water into at least a portion of the Dominguez Channel, Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters (including Consolidated Slip).
10. The PERMITTEES desire to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL by preparation and implementation of the CIMP
11. The PERMITTEES prepared the CIMP, and the SBCCOG has also retained the City of Los Angeles (CITY) to conduct the monitoring and reporting required by the CIMP.
12. For purposes of this Agreement the term “Consultant” shall refer to the CITY.
13. On December 11, 2015 Regional Board approved the CIMP.
14. The mission of the SBCCOG is to allow its members to act collaboratively and focus on improving the environment. As part of its mission and to help its members implement the CIMP for the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area, the SBCCOG entered into a MOA with the PERMITTEES to administer the monitoring contract with the CITY and invoice the PERMITEES for the monitoring services.
15. The City of Gardena is an Individual MS4 permit holder who is not a PERMITTEE but has indicated a desire to participate in the CIMP implementation for individual permit compliance.
16. The PERMITTEES authorized the SBCCOG to enter into individual separate MOAs with such individual MS4 permit holders (PERMIT HOLDER; who shall not have voting rights in any group relating to the PERMITTEES) for CIMP Implementation cost sharing purposes only.
17. The Permit Holder desires to obtain monitoring data collected as part of the CIMP Implementation.
18. The role of the SBCCOG is to invoice and collect funds from the Permit Holder to cover its portion of the costs for CIMP Implementation.
19. The Permit Holder and the SBCCOG are collectively referred to as the “PARTIES.”

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, the PARTIES do hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are fully incorporated as part of this Agreement.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this MOA is for the Permit Holder to cost share in the CIMP Implementation.

Section 3. Cooperation. The PARTIES shall fully cooperate with one another to achieve the purposes of this MOA.

Section 4. Voluntary Nature. The PARTIES voluntarily enter into this MOA.

Section 5. Binding Effect. This MOA shall become binding on SBCCOG and the Permit Holder.

Section 6. Term. This MOA shall commence on September 1, 2018 and shall expire on February 28, 2019 unless terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 herein. The term of this Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties as may be necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes.

Section 7. Role of the SBCCOG.

- (a) The SBCCOG shall invoice and collect funds from the Permit Holder to cover a portion of the costs of hiring and paying the CITY to implement the CIMP.
- (b) The SBCCOG shall administer the CITY'S contract for implementation of the CIMP by contracting with and paying the CITY.

Section 8. Financial Terms.

- (a) The Permit Holder shall pay forty-four thousand (\$44,000) dollars to the SBCCOG in exchange for specific monitoring data from the CIMP Implementation as follows:
 - i. Sediment chemistry, sediment toxicity, and benthic infauna data from the 2018 Regional Bight Program (station B18-10397 only)
 - ii. Fish tissue bioaccumulation data from the Dominguez Channel Estuary (2018 only)
- (b) The SBCCOG will retain a fee of 10% (\$4,000) for their services. The remaining amount (\$40,000) will be credited towards the PERMITTEES cost of implementing the CIMP.
- (c) The Permit Holder's payment is due upon execution of this MOA.
- (d) Upon receiving an invoice from the SBCCOG, the Permit Holder shall pay its invoice to the SBCCOG within thirty (30) days of the invoice's date.

(e) The Permit Holder will be delinquent if its invoiced payment is not received by the SBCCOG within forty-five (45) days after the invoice's date. The SBCCOG will follow the procedure listed below: 1) verbally contact the representative of the Permit Holder; and 2) submit a formal letter from the SBCCOG Executive Officer to the Permit Holder at the address listed in Section 12 of the MOA. If payment is not received within sixty (60) days of the invoice date, the SBCCOG may terminate this MOA. However, no such termination may be ordered unless the SBCCOG first provides the Permit Holder with thirty (30) days written notice of its intent to terminate the MOA. The terminated Permit Holder shall remain obligated to SBCCOG for its delinquent payment and any other obligations incurred prior to the date of termination. If the SBCCOG terminates this MOA due to the Permit Holder being delinquent in its payment, Permit Holder shall no longer be entitled to the monitoring data collected as part of the CIMP.

(f) Any delinquent payment by the Permit Holder shall accrue compound interest at the average rate of interest paid by the Local Agency Investment Fund during the time that the payment is delinquent, provided that the interest shall not exceed any limit imposed by law.

Section 9. Independent Contractor.

(a) The SBCCOG is, and shall at all times remain, a wholly independent contractor for performance of the obligations described in this MOA. The SBCCOG's officers, officials, employees and agents shall at all times during the term of this MOA be under the exclusive control of the SBCCOG. The Permit Holder cannot control the conduct of the SBCCOG or any of its officers, officials, employees or agents. The SBCCOG and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall not be deemed to be employees of the Permit Holder.

(b) The SBCCOG is solely responsible for the payment of salaries, wages, other compensation, employment taxes, workers' compensation, or similar taxes for its employees and Consultants performing services hereunder.

Section 10. Indemnification and Insurance.

(a) SBCCOG makes no guarantee or warranty that the reports prepared by SBCCOG, PERMITEES or its Consultant shall be approved by the relevant governmental authorities. SBCCOG shall have no liability to the Permit Holder for the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Consultant. The Permit Holder's sole recourse for any negligent or intentional act or omission of the Consultant shall be against the Consultant and its insurance.

Section 11. Termination.

(a) Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party. The effective date of termination shall be upon the date specified on the notice of termination, or, in the event no date is specified, upon the thirtieth (30th) day following delivery of the notice.

Section 12. Miscellaneous.

(a) Permit Holder has been accepted as a participant in the CIMP Implementation and shall not be entitled to appoint a representative or to vote or participate

in any way in decisions assigned to PERMITTEES. Participant status entitles Permit Holder only to the monitoring data as specified in Sections 8ai-ii collected as part of the CIMP Implementation.

(b) Notices. All Notices which the PARTIES require or desire to give hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when delivered personally or three (3) days after mailing by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) to the following address or as such other addresses as the PARTIES may from time to time designate by written notice in the aforesaid manner:

To SBCCOG:

Jacki Bacharach
SBCCOG Executive Officer
20285 S. Western Ave., #100
Torrance, CA 90501

To the Permit Holder:

Mr. Ed Medrano
City Manager
City of Gardena
1717 West 162nd Street
Gardena, CA 90247

(c) Amendment. The terms and provisions of this MOA may not be amended, modified or waived, except by a written instrument signed by all PARTIES and approved by all PARTIES as substantially similar to this MOA.

(d) Waiver. Waiver by either the SBCCOG or the Permit Holder of any term, condition, or covenant of this MOA shall not constitute a waiver of any other term, condition, or covenant. Waiver, by the SBCCOG or the Permit Holder, to any breach of the provisions of this MOA shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision or a waiver of any subsequent breach of any provision of this MOA.

(e) Law to Govern: Venue. This MOA shall be interpreted, construed, and governed according to the laws of the State of California. In the event of litigation between the PARTIES, venue shall lie exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

(f) No Presumption in Drafting. The PARTIES to this MOA agree that the general rule that an MOA is to be interpreted against the PARTIES drafting it, or causing it to be prepared, shall not apply.

(g) Severability. If any term, provision, condition or covenant of this MOA is declared or determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this MOA shall not be affected thereby and this MOA shall be read and construed without the invalid, void, or unenforceable provisions(s).

(h) Entire Agreement. This MOA constitutes the entire agreement of the PARTIES with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, whether written or oral, with respect thereto.

(i) Counterparts. This MOA may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same instrument, provided, however, that such counterparts shall have been delivered to all PARTIES to this MOA.

(j) Legal Representation. All PARTIES have been represented by counsel in the preparation and negotiation of this MOA. Accordingly, this MOA shall be construed according to its fair language.

(k) Authority to Execute this Agreement. The person or persons executing this MOA on behalf of Permit Holder warrants and represents that he or she has the authority to execute this MOA on behalf of the Permit Holder and has the authority to bind Permit Holder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES hereto have caused this MOA to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS

Britt Huff
SBCCOG Chair

DATE: _____

PERMIT HOLDER
City of Gardena

Ed Medrano
City Manager