

### LA County's Trash TMDL: Eliminating Trash From The County's Waterways

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## Background – Trash TMDL

- Storm events flush the watershed, conveying significant amounts of trash through flood control channels and into the ocean
- TMDL Objectives:
  - Waste Load Allocations for all point and nonpoint sources of trash is ZERO (bigger than 0.5 mm)
  - Responsible Agencies
    - Cities, County, CalTrans, National Forest Service
    - Must control trash from within their jurisdiction



## Compliance Options

#### Generally 2 compliance options:

- Install full-capture systems
   throughout jurisdictional areas
  - Targeting first the high trash generating areas, followed by the medium and low trash generating areas.

#### <u>Full Capture Device</u> Connector Pipe Screen





## Compliance Options

#### Option 2:

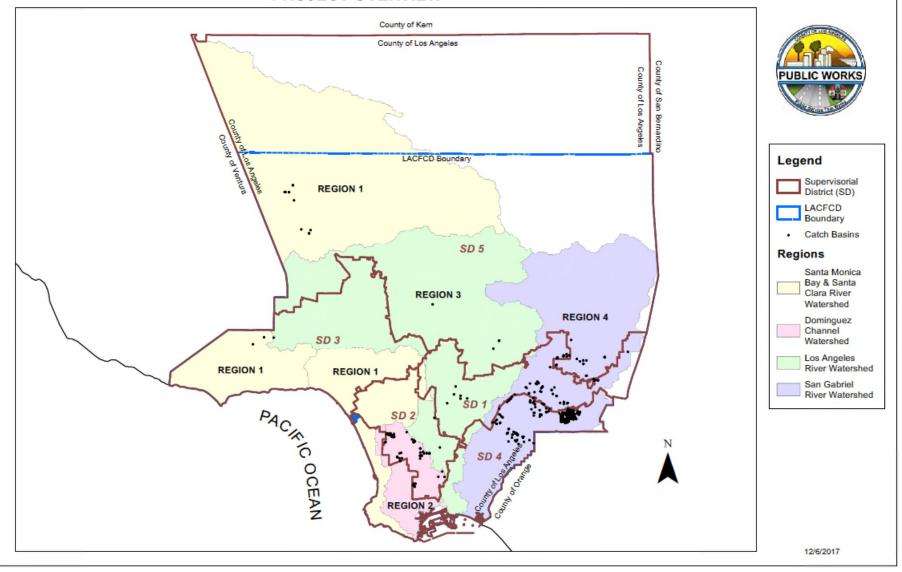
- Install partial-capture devices and apply institutional controls
  - Determine storm year trash discharge by calculating daily generation rate (DGR) for a representative area.

#### <u>Partial Capture Device</u> Automatic Retractable Screen





### SAN GABRIEL RIVER CATCH BASIN RETROFIT - PHASE 11, ET AL PROJECT OVERVIEW



## Comprehensive Strategy

#### Institutional Controls

- Street sweeping
- Franchise trash collection program
- Styrofoam food containers restriction
- Single-use plastic bag ban
- Beach and Marina trash removal daily

#### Structural Controls

- Full-capture systems
- Partial-capture systems
- Trash booms







## Multi-Year, Multi-Agency Plan

- Continue to retrofit catch basins with partial and/or full capture devices
- LACFCD's Trash Reduction
   Outreach Program is in effect in billboards, signs, and brochures.
   Sharing material with cities to utilize for public outreach efforts



### Short-Term Solutions

- Increased frequency of trash collection along banks of the Ballona Creek Channel
- Enhancing existing trash net in Ballona Creek at Lincoln Blvd
- Installing two additional trash nets upstream of the existing net





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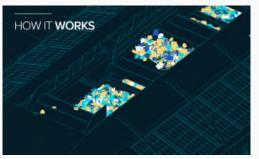


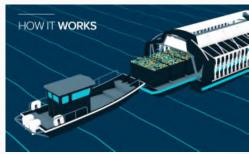
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- Private-Public Partnership
- Will reduce floating plastics and other trash in Ballona Creek flowing from Ballona Creek into the ocean
- Goal is to launch the Interceptor in advance of the 2020-2021 Storm Season



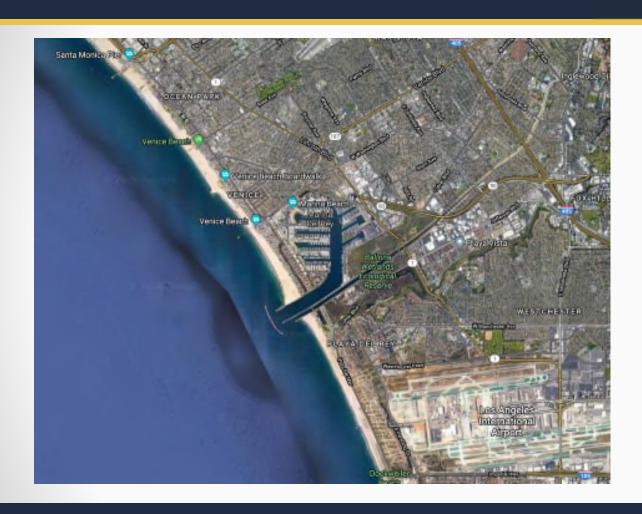








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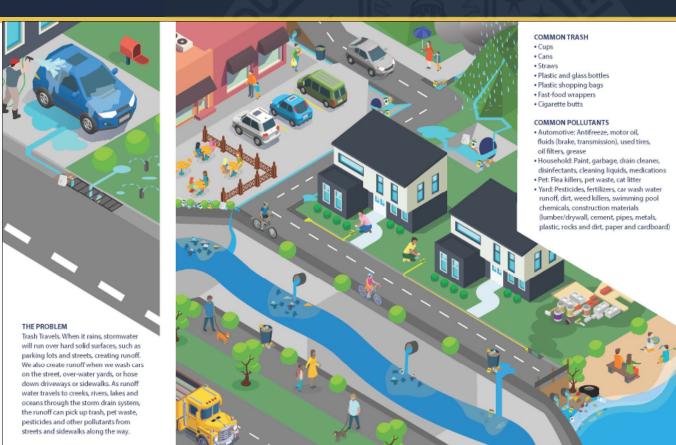


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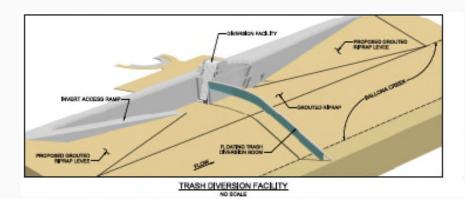
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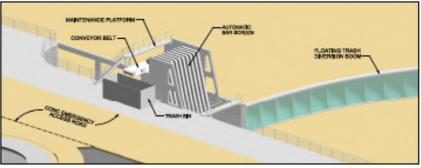
# Backup Slides



## Long-Term Strategy

- Continue LACFCD's Trash Reduction Outreach
- Implement Side-Channel Diversion with Automatic Trash Removal
   System currently in CEQA and Planning Phase







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#### Compliance Schedule

Watershed	Effective (Adopted) Date	Final Compliance Date (0%)
Ballona Creek <sup>2</sup>	8/11/2005	9/30/2015
Los Angeles River <sup>2,3</sup>	9/23/2008	9/30/2016
Malibu Creek	7/7/2009	7/7/2017
San Gabriel River East Fork	4/17/2001	4/1/2003
Lake Elizabeth, Et Al	3/6/2008	3/6/2016
Legg Lake	3/6/2008	3/6/2016
Machado Lake	3/6/2008	3/6/2016
Santa Monica Bay	3/20/2012	3/20/2020

- 1. Initial Compliance Date allows time for Responsible Jurisdictions to implement plan. Compliance based on percentage of baseline trash load.
- 2. Legal challenges delayed certain Effective Dates.
- 3. Compliance is determined by the Regional Board NPDES Permit executive order.