



November 4, 2020

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And Parties, Interested Parties, and Interested Persons (See Mailing List)

Re: Notice of Complete Incorrect Reduction Claim, Schedule for Comments, and Notice of Tentative Hearing Date

Municipal Storm Water and Urban Runoff Discharges, 20-0304-I-07

Los Angeles Regional Quality Control Board Order No. 01-182,
Permit CAS004001, Part 4F5c3

Fiscal Years: 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008,
2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013

City of Lakewood, Claimant

Dear Ms. Chinn, Mr. Gomez, and Ms. Sidarous:

On October 22, 2020, the City of Lakewood filed the above-captioned Incorrect Reduction Claim (IRC) with the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) based on the State Controller's (Controller's) reductions to its reimbursement claims for costs incurred under the *Municipal Storm Water and Urban Runoff Discharges* program for fiscal years 2002-2003 through 2012-2013. Upon review, Commission staff finds that this IRC is complete.

Government Code section 17551(d) requires the Commission to hear and decide claims by local agencies and school districts that the Controller has incorrectly reduced payments to the local agencies or school districts.

Controller's Review and Response. Please file the Controller's written comments and supporting documentation regarding this claim no later than **5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2021** in accordance with Government Code Section 11020 and sections 11851.2(f), 1185.2, and 1187.5 of the Commission's regulations. Oral or written representations of fact offered by any person shall be under oath or affirmation and signed under penalty of perjury by persons who are authorized and competent to do so and must be based on the declarant's personal knowledge, information or belief. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1185.2 and 1187.5.) The Commission's ultimate findings of fact must be supported by substantial evidence in the record.¹ Hearsay evidence (such as declarations not based on personal knowledge but information and belief alone) may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence but shall not

¹ Government Code section 17559(b), which provides that a claimant or the state may commence a proceeding in accordance with the provisions of section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure to set aside a decision of the Commission on the ground that the Commission's decision is not supported by substantial evidence in the record.

be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.² Please include an explanation of the reasons for the reductions and the computation of reimbursements.

The failure of the Controller to respond within this 90-day timeline shall not cause the Commission to delay consideration of this IRC. (Gov. Code §17553(d).)

Claimant's Rebuttal. Upon receipt of the Controller's comments, the claimant and interested parties may file rebuttals. The rebuttals are due by 5:00 p.m., 30 days from the service date of the comments (Gov. Code § 11020 and Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1181.2(f) and 1185.2(e).) Oral or written representations of fact offered by any person shall be under oath or affirmation and signed under penalty of perjury by persons who are authorized and competent to do so and must be based on the declarant's personal knowledge, information or belief. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1185.2(e) and 1187.5.) If new written representations of fact are made, they must be supported with documentary evidence filed with the rebuttal. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1181.3, 1185.2, and 1187.5.) The Commission's ultimate findings of fact must be supported by substantial evidence in the record.³ Hearsay evidence (such as declarations not based on personal knowledge but information and belief alone) may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.⁴

Filing Written Materials. All written representations of fact made to the Commission are required to be supported by documentary or testimonial evidence submitted under penalty of perjury. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, 1187.5.)

The Commission's regulations require that written materials filed with the Commission be electronically filed (e-filed) in an unlocked legible and searchable PDF file, using the Commission's Dropbox. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, 1181.3(c)(1).) Refer to <https://www.csm.ca.gov/dropbox.php> on the Commission's website for electronic filing instructions. If e-filing would cause the filer undue hardship or significant prejudice, filing may occur by first class mail, overnight delivery or personal service only upon approval of a written request to the executive director. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, 1181.3(c)(2).)

If you would like to request an extension of time, please refer to section 1187.9(a) of the Commission's regulations.

Informal Conference. An informal conference may be scheduled if requested. Refer to section 1187.4 of the Commission's regulations.

² Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 1187.5.

³ Government Code section 17559(b), which provides that a claimant or the state may commence a proceeding in accordance with the provisions of section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure to set aside a decision of the Commission on the ground that the Commission's decision is not supported by substantial evidence in the record.

⁴ Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 1187.5.

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Public Hearing and Draft Proposed Decision. The public hearing on this claim has been tentatively scheduled for **May 27, 2022**. The Draft Proposed Decision will be issued for comment at least eight weeks prior to the public hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Halsey".

Heather Halsey
Executive Director

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On November 4, 2020, I served the:

- **Notice of Complete Incorrect Reduction Claim, Schedule for Comments, and Notice of Tentative Hearing Date issued November 4, 2020**
- **Incorrect Reduction Claim (IRC) filed by the City of Lakewood on October 22, 2020**

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By making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on November 4, 2020 at Sacramento, California.



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Last Updated: 10/27/20

Claim Number: 20-0304-I-07

Matter: Municipal Storm Water and Urban Runoff Discharges

Claimant: City of Lakewood

TO ALL PARTIES, INTERESTED PARTIES, AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

Each commission mailing list is continuously updated as requests are received to include or remove any party or person on the mailing list. A current mailing list is provided with commission correspondence, and a copy of the current mailing list is available upon request at any time. Except as provided otherwise by commission rule, when a party or interested party files any written material with the commission concerning a claim, it shall simultaneously serve a copy of the written material on the parties and interested parties to the claim identified on the mailing list provided by the commission. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1181.3.)

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