

**Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Drain Water Permit (Order 01-182)**  
**Individual Annual Report From**  
**Attachment U-4**

**Assessment of Program Effectiveness:**

The City of Artesia is a very small municipality consisting of approximately 1.8 square miles. It is an older city fully built out, mostly residential with commercial corridors with only a handful of large vacant lots. There are no natural streams, rivers or natural watercourses or open channels. All drainage is directed to and conducted through underground storm drain pipes. The MS4 system within the City is almost exclusively owned and maintained by Los Angeles County Public Works. The City only owns two small storm drain catch basins and a small amount of pipe and the system is well maintained.

The City streets and parking lots are swept four times per month and the general observation is that the City of Artesia is a cleaner city than many in Los Angeles County. An award winning recycle program is in place and hazardous waste roundups and neighborhood cleanups have become very popular. A Dump it Legally Campaign has been very successful. Transit Stop Trash Receptacles are cleaned and maintained twice a week.

The City has improved its interface with the development community to contain silt and construction activities. If anything water quality has improved, although no specific testing is currently done. The City is continuing efforts to introduce low impact development goals, limited by the generally high groundwater table. The City PW inspector was previously certified for construction site stormwater inspections. On-site construction activities are monitored by the Building Department, the County of Los Angeles acts as the City Building official.

The City of Artesia interfaces with its watershed members and others. It collaborates on Stormwater quality issues with the County of Los Angeles PW Department as well as the Sanitation District, Golden State Water Company and others. The City regularly attends quarterly public outreach meetings at Los Angeles County, in person or via web casts. The City also attends monthly meetings of the San Gabriel River Watershed Committee.

Our Stormwater management program can be improved in the record keeping area, City staff often does the required functions but documentation systems could be increased. Although we are a small city there is even less staff and they have many duties. The City of Artesia, unlike most cities does not received a share of real estate taxes and it currently has foregone a utility tax. As such, it is always hard pressed to meet all the obligations and services required of a modern municipality. The current fiscal crisis makes the task even more difficult for all our cities. We are, however, committed to Stormwater quality efforts and will continue to strive to improve.