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# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Subject: Start of the Rainy Season and Stormwater Compliance at Construction Sites**

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All owners, developers and contractors are reminded to prepare construction sites, be familiar with and know the stormwater regulations and permits requirements, and take the necessary actions for the upcoming rainy season, which starts Oct. 1, 2021, and concludes on April 30, 2022.

Adequate construction [stormwater Best Management Practices](#) (BMPs) must be implemented and maintained to prevent stormwater pollution from entering into all stormwater conveyances per [San Diego Municipal Code §43.03](#), the City of San Diego [Storm Water Standards Manual](#), the [State Construction General Permit \(CGP\), Order No. 2009-0009-DWG](#) as amended by [2010-0014-DWQ](#) & [2012-0006-DWQ](#), [NPDES No. CAS000002](#) and the [San Diego Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit, Order No. R9-2013-0001, NPDES No. CAS0109266](#), as amended by Order Nos. R9-2015-0001 AND [R9-2015-0100](#). Stormwater conveyances include drainage inlets, curbs and gutters, streets and regional waters, including creeks, rivers, channels and wetlands.

## **Enforcement**

Lack of stormwater pollution prevention BMPs and any pollutant and sediment-laden discharge to the City's stormwater conveyances will be subject to enforcement by the City and the [San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board](#).

City inspection teams will proactively inspect construction sites to identify compliance and non-compliance of the City's storm water requirements and utilize escalating enforcement methods. In addition, the Regional Water Quality Control Board will continue conducting random, unscheduled site visits to private and public construction sites and issuing enforcement actions when violations of stormwater regulations are found.

### **Year-round Construction Site BMPs**

The following stormwater pollution prevention BMPs are required year-round at all construction sites, including before and during the rainy season, to protect stormwater conveyances and receiving bodies of water from pollutant and sediment discharges to the maximum extent possible:

1. Project planning;
2. Good site management “housekeeping,” including waste management;
3. Non-storm water management;
4. Erosion control;
5. Sediment control;
6. Run-on and run-off control; and
7. Active/passive sediment treatment systems, where applicable.

### **Construction Site Minimum BMPs**

- Sediment in the right of way and any construction-related residues left on the street before or after working hours are considered a discharge and must be controlled and swept daily.
- Saw-cutting residue must be contained and vacuumed promptly.
- Vehicles or equipment that leak must be removed from the project site or repaired immediately, and any “spills” must be appropriately cleaned and contained with drip pans or equivalent.
- Implementation of good site “housekeeping” BMPs for material storage and waste management on site.
- Implementation of erosion and sediment controls on all disturbed areas, including slopes, pads and haul roads, must be implemented before the rain.

### **Additional Resources**

The City of San Diego [Stormwater Standards Manual Part 2 Construction BMP Standards](#), effective Oct. 1, 2018, includes a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Checklist, Weather Triggered Action Plan and other clarifications on construction BMP requirements. The manual is a component of the [Land Development Manual](#) and conforms to the 2013 Municipal Permit. The [California Stormwater Quality Association](#) also contains more BMP information and useful guidelines.

As always, visit [ThinkBlue.org](http://ThinkBlue.org) to find out more information about the importance of stormwater pollution prevention and to support the City of San Diego’s Stormwater Department’s mission of clean water and clean beaches, for all of us.