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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Subject: Start of the Rainy Season and Storm Water Compliance at Construction Sites

All owners, developers and contractors are reminded to prepare construction sites, be familiar with and know the requirements of the storm water regulations and permits and take the necessary actions for the upcoming rainy season, which starts Oct. 1, 2023, and concludes on April 30, 2024.

Adequate construction [storm water Best Management Practices](#) (BMPs) shall be implemented and maintained to prevent storm water pollution from entering into all storm water 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. 2022-0057-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. Storm water conveyances include drainage inlets, curbs and gutters, streets, and regional waters, such as creeks, rivers, channels, and wetlands.

Enforcement

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

City inspection teams will be proactively inspecting construction sites to identify compliance and non-compliance with the City's storm water requirements and will utilize escalating enforcement methods. The RWQCB will continue conducting random, unscheduled site visits to private and public construction sites and issuing enforcement actions when violations of storm water regulations are found.

Year-round Construction Site BMPs

The following storm water pollution prevention BMPs are required year-round at all construction sites, including before and during the rainy season, to protect storm water 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 onsite.
- 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 [Storm Water Standards Manual Part 2 Construction BMP Standards](#), effective Oct. 1, 2018, includes Storm Water 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 Storm Water Quality Association](#) also contains more BMP information and useful guidelines.