



# Storm Water Requirements Applicability Checklist

**Project Address:**

**Project Number:**

## SECTION 1: Construction Storm Water BMP Requirements

All construction sites are required to implement construction BMPs in accordance with the performance standards in the [Storm Water Standards Manual](#). Some sites are additionally required to obtain coverage under the State Construction General Permit (CGP)<sup>1</sup>, which is administered by the State Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**For all projects, complete Part A - If project is required to submit a SWPPP or WPCP, continue to Part B**

### PART A – Determine Construction Phase Storm Water Requirements

1. Is the Project subject to California’s statewide General NPDES permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities, also known as the State Construction General Permit (CGP)? (Typically projects with land disturbance greater than or equal to 1 acre.)
  - Yes, SWPPP required; skip questions 2-4
  - No; proceed to next question
  
2. Does the project propose construction or demolition activity, including but not limited to, clearing, grading, grubbing, excavation, or any other activity resulting in ground disturbance and/or contact with storm water?
  - Yes, SWPPP required; skip questions 3-4
  - No; proceed to next question
  
3. Does the project propose routine maintenance to maintain original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the facility? (Projects such as pipeline/utility replacement)
  - Yes, SWPPP required; skip question 4
  - No; proceed to next question
  
4. Does the project only include the following Permit types listed below?
  - Electrical Permit, Fire Alarm Permit, Fire Sprinkler Permit, Plumbing Permit, Sign Permit, Mechanical Permit, Spa Permit.
  - Individual Right of Way Permits that exclusively include only ONE of the following activities: water service, sewer lateral, or utility service.
  - Right of Way Permits with a project footprint less than 150 linear feet that exclusively include only ONE of the following activities: curb ramp, sidewalk and driveway apron replacement, pot holing, curb, and gutter replacement, and retaining wall encroachments.
  - Yes, no document required

**Check one of the boxes below and continue to Part B**

- If you checked “Yes” for question 1**, an SWPPP is REQUIRED – **continue to Part B**
- If you checked “No” for question 1 and checked “Yes” for question 2 or 3**, a WPCP is REQUIRED. If the project proposes less than 5,000 square feet of ground disturbance AND has less than a 5-foot elevation change over the entire project area, a Minor WPCP may be required instead. **Continue to Part B**
- If you check “No” for all questions 1-3 and checked “Yes” for question 4**, Part B does not apply, and no document is required. **Continue to Section 2.**

<sup>1</sup> More information on the City’s construction BMP requirements as well as CGP requirements can be found at <http://www.sandiego.gov/stormwater/regulations/index.shtml>

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**PART B – Determine Construction Site Priority**

This prioritization must be completed within this form, noted on the plans, and included in the SWPPP or WPCP. The city reserves the right to adjust the priority of projects both before and after construction. Construction projects are assigned an inspection frequency based on if the project has a “high threat to water quality.” The City has aligned the local definition of “high threat to water quality” to the risk determination approach of the State Construction General Permit (CGP). The CGP determines risk level based on project specific sediment risk and receiving water risk. Additional inspection is required for projects within the Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) watershed. **NOTE:** The construction priority does **NOT** change construction BMP requirements that apply to projects; rather, it determines the frequency of inspections that will be conducted by city staff.

**Complete Part B and continue to Section 2**

**1. ASBS**

A. Projects located in the ASBS watershed

**2. High Priority**

- A. Projects that qualify as Risk Level 2 or Risk Level 3 per the Construction General Permit (CGP) and not located in the ASBS watershed
- B. Projects that qualify as LUP Type 2 or LUP Type 3 per the CGP and not located in the ASBS watershed.

**3. Medium Priority**

- A. Projects that are not located in an ASBS watershed or designated as a High priority site.
- B. Projects that qualify as Risk Level 1 or LUP Type 1 per the CGP and not located in an ASBS watershed
- C. WPCP projects (>5,000 sf of ground disturbance) located within the Los Peñasquitos watershed management area

**4. Low Priority**

A. Projects not subject to a Medium or High site priority designation and are not located in an ASBS watershed.

**Section 2: Construction Storm Water BMP Requirements**

Additional information for determining the requirements is found in the [Storm Water Standards Manual](#).

**PART C – Determine if Not Subject to Permanent Storm Water Requirements**

Projects that are considered maintenance, or otherwise not categorized as “new development projects” or “redevelopment projects” according to the [Storm Water Standards Manual](#) are not subject to Permanent Storm Water BMPs.

- **If “yes” is checked for any number in Part C:** Proceed to Part F and check “Not Subject to Permanent Storm Water BMP Requirements”.
- **If “no” is checked for all of the numbers in Part C:** Continue to Part D.

1. Does the project only include interior remodels and/or is the project entirely within an existing enclosed structure and does not have the potential to contact storm water?  
 Yes    No
2. Does the project only include the construction of overhead or underground utilities without creating new impervious surfaces?  
 Yes    No
3. Does the project fall under routine maintenance? Examples include but are not limited to: roof or exterior structure surface replacement, resurfacing or reconfiguring surface parking lots or existing roadways without expanding the impervious footprint, and routine replacement of damaged pavement (grinding, overlay, and pothole repair).  
 Yes    No

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**PART D – PDP Exempt Requirements**

PDP Exempt projects are required to implement site design and source control BMPs.

- If “yes” is checked for any questions in Part D, continue to Part F and check the box labeled “PDP Exempt.”
- If “no” is checked for all questions in Part D, continue to Part E.

- Does the project ONLY include new or retrofit sidewalks, bicycle lanes, or trails that:
  - Are designed and constructed to direct storm water runoff to adjacent vegetated areas, or other non-erodible permeable areas? Or;
  - Are designed and constructed to be hydraulically disconnected from paved streets and roads? Or;
  - Are designed and constructed with permeable pavements or surfaces in accordance with the Green Streets guidance in the City’s Storm Water Standards manual?

Yes, PDP exempt requirements apply       No, proceed to next question
- Does the project ONLY include retrofitting or redeveloping existing paved alleys, streets or roads designed and constructed in accordance with the Green Streets guidance in the [City’s Storm Water Standards Manual?](#)

Yes, PDP exempt requirements apply       No, proceed to next question

**PART E – Determine if Project is a Priority Development Project (PDP)**

Projects that match one of the definitions below are subject to additional requirements including preparation of a Storm Water Quality Management Plan (SWQMP).

- If “yes” is checked for any number in Part E, continue to Part F and check the box labeled “Priority Development Project”.
- If “no” is checked for every number in Part E, continue to Part F and check the box labeled “Standard Development Project.”

- New development that creates 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces collectively over the project site.** This includes commercial, industrial, residential, mixed-use, and public development projects on public or private land.  Yes  No
- Redevelopment project that creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces on an existing site of 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces.** This includes commercial, industrial, residential, mixed-use, and public development projects on public or private land.  Yes  No
- New development or redevelopment of a restaurant.** Facilities that sell prepared foods and drinks for consumption, including stationary lunch counters and refreshment stands selling prepared foods and drinks for immediate consumption (SIC 5812), and where the land development creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface.  Yes  No
- New development or redevelopment on a hillside.** The project creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the project site) and where the development will grade on any natural slope that is twenty-five percent or greater.  Yes  No
- New development or redevelopment of a parking lot that creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the project site).**  Yes  No
- New development or redevelopment of streets, roads, highways, freeways, and driveways.** The project creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface (collectively over the project site).  Yes  No

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- 7. **New development or redevelopment discharging directly to an environmentally sensitive area.** The project creates and/or replaces 2,500 square feet of impervious surface (collectively over project site), and discharges directly to an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA). "Discharging directly to" includes flow that is conveyed overland a distance of 200 feet or less from the project to the ESA, or conveyed in a pipe or open channel any distance as an isolated flow from the project to the ESA (i.e. not commingled with flows from adjacent lands).  Yes  No
  
- 8. **New development or redevelopment projects of retail gasoline outlet (RGO) that create and/or replaces 5,000 square feet of impervious surface.** The development project meets the following criteria: (a) 5,000 square feet or more or (b) has a projected Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of 100 or more vehicles per day.  Yes  No
  
- 9. **New development or redevelopment projects of an automotive repair shop that creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces.** Development projects categorized in any one of Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes 5013, 5014, 5541, 7532-7534, or 7536-7539.  Yes  No
  
- 10. **Other Pollutant Generating Project.** The project is not covered in the categories above, results in the disturbance of one or more acres of land and is expected to generate pollutants post construction, such as fertilizers and pesticides. This does not include projects creating less than 5,000 sf of impervious surface and where added landscaping does not require regular use of pesticides and fertilizers, such as slope stabilization using native plants. Calculation of the square footage of impervious surface need not include linear pathways that are for infrequent vehicle use, such as emergency maintenance access or bicycle pedestrian use, if they are built with pervious surfaces or if they sheet flow to surrounding pervious surfaces.  Yes  No

**PART F** – Select the appropriate category based on the outcomes of Part C through Part E

- 1. The project is **NOT SUBJECT TO PERMANENT STORM WATER REQUIREMENTS**  Yes  No
  
- 2. The project is a **STANDARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**. Site design and source control BMP requirements apply. See the [Storm Water Standards Manual](#) for guidance.  Yes  No
  
- 3. The project is a **PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**. Site design, source control, and structural pollutant control BMP requirements apply. See the [Storm Water Standards Manual](#) for guidance on determining if project requires a hydromodification plan management.  Yes  No

Name of Owner or Agent

Title

Signature



Date

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