

FORM

**DS-560**

October 2024

# Stormwater Requirements Applicability Checklist

**Project Address:**

**Project Number:**

## SECTION 1: Construction Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Requirements

All construction sites are required to implement construction BMPs per the performance standards in the [Stormwater Standards Manual](#). Some sites are also required to obtain coverage under the State Construction General Permit (CGP)<sup>1</sup>, administered by the [California State Water Resources Control Board](#).

**For all projects, complete Part A - If the project is required to submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) or Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP), continue to Part B.**

### PART A – Determine Construction Phase Stormwater Requirements

1. Is the project subject to California's statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Stormwater 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 is required; skip questions 2-4.
☐ No; proceed to the 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 stormwater?
 

☐ Yes, WPCP is required; skip questions 3-4.
☐ No; proceed to the next question.
3. Does the project propose routine maintenance to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the facility? (Projects such as pipeline/utility replacement)
 

☐ Yes, WPCP is required; skip question 4.
☐ No; proceed to the 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 of less than 150 linear feet that exclusively include only ONE of the following activities: curb ramp, sidewalk and driveway apron replacement, potholing, curb and gutter replacement, and retaining wall encroachments.

☐ Yes, no document is 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 [www.sandiego.gov/stormwater/regulations/index.shtml](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 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 are not located in the ASBS watershed.  
B. Projects that qualify as LUP Type 2 or LUP Type 3 per the CGP and are 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 are not located in an ASBS watershed.  
C. WPCP projects (>5,000 square feet 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 Stormwater BMP Requirements**

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

**PART C – Determine if Not Subject to Permanent Stormwater Requirements**

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

- If “yes” is checked for any number in Part C: Proceed to Part F and check “Not Subject to Permanent Stormwater BMP Requirements.”
- If “no” is checked for all 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 stormwater?  
☐ 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.

1. Does the project ONLY include new or retrofit sidewalks, bicycle lanes, or trails that:

- Are designed and constructed to direct stormwater 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 Stormwater Standards manual?

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

2. 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 Stormwater Standards Manual](#)?

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

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

Projects that match one of the definitions below are subject to additional requirements, including the preparation of a Stormwater 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.”

1. **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
2. **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
3. **New development or redevelopment of a restaurant.** Facilities that sell prepared foods and beverages for consumption, including stationary lunch counters and refreshment stands selling prepared foods and drinks for immediate consumption (Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 5812), and where the land development creates and/or replaces 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface. ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. **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 25% or greater. ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. **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
6. **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 the 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 outlets (RGO) that create and/or replace 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.** These projects are not covered in any of the categories above but involve the disturbance of one or more acres of land and are expected to generate post-construction phase pollutants, including fertilizers and pesticides. This category does not include projects creating less than 5,000 square feet of impervious area and projects containing landscaping without a requirement for the regular use of fertilizers and pesticides (such as a slope stabilization project using native plants). Impervious area calculations need not include linear pathways for infrequent vehicle use, such as emergency maintenance access or bicycle and pedestrian paths if the linear pathways are built with pervious surfaces or if runoff from the pathway sheet flows to adjacent pervious areas. ☐ 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 STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS** ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. The project is a **STANDARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**. Site design and source control BMP requirements apply. See the [Stormwater Standards Manual](#) for guidance. ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. The Project is **PDP EXEMPT**. Site design and source control BMP requirements apply. Refer to the [Stormwater Standards Manual](#) for guidance. ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. The project is a **PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**. Site design, source control and structural pollutant control BMP requirements apply. Refer to the [Stormwater Standards Manual](#) for guidance on determining if the project requires hydromodification plan management. If yes to this question, submit a [Form DS-564 "Stormwater Quality Management Plan Submittal Checklist"](#) with your SWQMP. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Owner or Agent

Title

Signature

Date

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