



City of San Diego

# NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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**SUBJECT:** Predicted El Nino and Storm Water Compliance at Construction Sites

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With the predicted El Nino, the City is again reminding owners, developers, and contractors to be diligent in preparing construction sites for strong winter storms ahead. In addition to implementing best management practices for the prevention of storm water pollution, it is critical that all sites have sufficient erosion and sediment control materials stockpiled on site. The City and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) are both continuing to step up inspection and enforcement at construction sites. As in the previous years, the RWQCB will be conducting random, unscheduled site visits to both private and public construction sites and issuing enforcement actions when violations of storm water regulations are found. The City inspectors will continue to inspect sites for storm water permit compliance and will be utilizing escalating enforcement methods as prescribed in the Municipal Code. This may include correction/violation notices, administrative citations (fines), civil penalties, inspection holds and/or stop work notices.

It is essential to take all necessary measures to ensure that your site is in compliance with the City's Storm Water Standards Manual, Municipal Storm Water Permit, RWQCB Order Nos. R9-2007-0001 and R9-2013-0001, and the Construction General Permit, Order No. 2010-0014 DWQ, as applicable. It is the contractor's responsibility to implement effective storm water pollution prevention measures year round, including but not limited to housekeeping, erosion control, tracking, sediment controls and protection of the storm water conveyance system.

[Click here](#) for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecast for a "strong El Nino" in its U.S. Winter Outlook.

Lastly, the contractor is required to maintain the site in a safe condition for workers and the general public at all times. For any questions or concerns, please contact the Resident Engineer or Building Inspector assigned to your construction site.