

APPENDIX C  
STANDARD URBAN STORMWATER MITIGATION PLAN

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# SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY SUSMP

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*Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan  
Requirements for Development Applications*

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# Chapter 1 - INTRODUCTION

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Authority) Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) addresses post-construction urban runoff pollution from new development and redevelopment projects. This SUSMP provides airport tenants and Authority staff with information on how to comply with the urban runoff management requirements for development projects at the San Diego International Airport (SDIA). This SUSMP guides the project manager or engineer through the selection, design, and incorporation of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) or stormwater treatment control/management facilities into the project design plans.

## Background

Impervious surfaces now cover much of the land, and storm drains discharge runoff from urban areas directly into streams, bays, and the ocean. As in many of California's urban areas, growth and development have caused changes in the timing and intensity of stream flows. Once altered, natural streams and their ecosystems generally cannot be fully restored. Nonetheless, it is possible to stop, and partially reverse the trend of declining habitat and preserve some ecosystem values for the benefit of future generations. Managing runoff from a single development site may seem inconsequential, but by changing the way most sites are developed (and redeveloped), it may be possible to preserve and enhance existing stream ecosystems in urban and urbanizing areas. That is the goal of the SUSMP process. In January 2007, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the San Diego Region (RWQCB) reissued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS0108758 as RWQCB Order No. R9-2007-0001, hereinafter referred to as "Municipal Permit." The Municipal Permit was issued to the County of San Diego, the Port of San Diego, the Authority, and the 18 cities in San Diego County – known collectively as the Copermittees. Among other things, the reissued permit updates and expands stormwater requirements for new developments and redevelopments. Stormwater treatment requirements have been made more widely applicable and more stringent; minimum standards for Low Impact Development (LID) have been added, and the Copermittees have been required to develop and implement criteria for the control of runoff peaks and durations from development sites.

The Municipal Permit also required the Copermittees to prepare an updated Countywide Model SUSMP to replace the model that had been in effect since 2002. The Model SUSMP created the template for all the individual Copermittee SUSMP processes. The goal of the updated Model SUSMP still remains to develop and implement practicable policies to ensure to the maximum extent practicable that development does not increase pollutant loads from a project site and addresses the impacts of changes in urban runoff flow rates and velocities. The updated Model SUSMP, and the Hydromodification Plan contained therein, has been reviewed and approved by the RWQCB in a public process.

The most recent, updated version of the Copermittee Model SUSMP, including updates and errata between editions, is available on the Project Clean Water website ([www.projectcleanwater.org](http://www.projectcleanwater.org)). The on-line Model SUSMP is presented in Adobe Acrobat format and features hyperlinks to help navigate the document and to access various references.

The Copermittees are required to update their own Local SUSMP and ordinances consistent with the RWQCB-approved Model SUSMP. Under the Local SUSMP, each Copermittee will approve project plans as part of the development plan approval process for discretionary projects, and prior to issuing permits for ministerial projects. Structural treatment control BMPs may be located on- or off-site, used singly or in combination, or shared by multiple developments, provided certain conditions are met, to allow flexibility in meeting SUSMP design standards. This document, hereafter referred to as the Authority SUSMP, is the SUSMP required for use with projects proposed within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

Applicants must also incorporate into their project design those features which have been identified by the Copermittees as necessary to control pollutants from specified on-site sources, such as refuse areas, outdoor storage areas, and vehicle washing and repair facilities. The Copermittees have developed a table listing the types of sources to be controlled and, for each, the corresponding source control measures required. All such applicable measures are incorporated here in the Authority SUSMP.

## **Development Review Process**

As described in the Authority's Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP), the Authority is a special government entity, created in 2003 by the California legislature and granting the Authority the responsibility of managing the San Diego International Airport. Several tenants and subtenants operate businesses at the SDIA under the Authority's jurisdiction. In addition, the Authority operates its own "municipal" facilities including the terminals, parking lots, and other support buildings.

Article 8 of the Authority Code, referred to as the Storm Water Code, consists of its storm water management and discharge controls. Section 8.74(a)(3) address New Development and Redevelopment and states that "the Executive Director may establish controls on the volume and rate of storm water runoff from new developments and redevelopments as may be reasonably necessary to minimize the discharge and transport of pollutants." The Authority SUSMP represents one mechanism by which the Executive Director has established such controls in order to comply with the Municipal Permit.

New development and redevelopment projects are conducted by two major categories of project proponents, tenants of the airport (hereafter referred to as "tenant projects") and the Authority itself (hereafter referred to as "capital projects"). The Authority has a different project approval process for each of these two project proponent categories and these differences are reflected in the Authority SUSMP project review and approval processes. The Authority SUSMP project

approval process, including roles and responsibilities of Authority departments, is described below for both tenant and capital projects.

## **Tenant Projects**

Authority tenants desiring to implement surface or subsurface improvements or to perform new construction, reconstruction, modification, or demolition, must submit a request for approval. Project approval typically involves several steps and review by several Authority departments. The process is outlined in the flow chart in Figure 1-1 and is further described below.

Project approval starts with the project proponent submitting a project description to the Real Estate Management Department, where a project completeness check is conducted. Real Estate Management will then coordinate with the Facilities Development Department to complete a review of the project. These two departments complete a Project Evaluation Form (PEF) and submit the PEF to Environmental Affairs. The PEF includes information pertinent to the SUSMP, such as land use, location, and the project square footage. Based on the PEF, Environmental Affairs determines whether SUSMP requirements apply to the project. The guidelines used to assist project proponents, Environmental Affairs, and others, in determining whether SUSMP requirements apply to projects conducted under the Authority jurisdiction are presented further below.

If SUSMP requirements apply, in order for the project application to be considered complete, the project proponent must submit an SUSMP Project Submittal (Project Submittal) in accordance with the Authority SUSMP describing how the project will meet the SUSMP requirements. Once the entire project application is complete, a project manager from either Real Estate Management or Facilities Development is assigned to the project. The project manager coordinates technical review and approval of the project including obtaining review from other Authority Departments. Environmental Affairs reviews and approves all Project Submittal documents and associated final design plans to ensure that SUSMP requirements are met. The approval of an Authority tenant project becomes part of the lease or part of a use permit. For discretionary projects, measures specified in the Project Submittal, such as implementation and maintenance of stormwater BMPs, are typically incorporated as mitigation measures as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review process. Therefore, in addition to becoming part of the lease or use permit, the measures are also typically adopted by the Executive Officer or the Board of Authority Commissioners as part of the CEQA Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

## **Capital Projects**

Development projects at the airport which are carried out by the Authority itself are considered Capital Projects or Major Maintenance Projects. The process for implementing SUSMP requirements for Authority capital projects and major maintenance projects is outlined in the flow chart in Figure 1-2 and is further described below.

All Capital and Major Maintenance Projects undergo an environmental review as part of the standard development review process. Authority staff from the department proposing a project act as the project sponsors and initiate the review process by submitting project information to Facilities Development Department. Facilities Development completes a PEF and forwards the PEF to Environmental Affairs for evaluation of the applicability of SUSMP requirements. If SUSMP requirements apply, Environmental Affairs advises Facilities Development that a Project Submittal must be submitted prior to final plan approval. Facilities Development coordinates with the project proponents and consultants to prepare the Project Submittal. Environmental Affairs reviews and approves the Project Submittal documents and associated final design plans to ensure that SUSMP requirements are met.

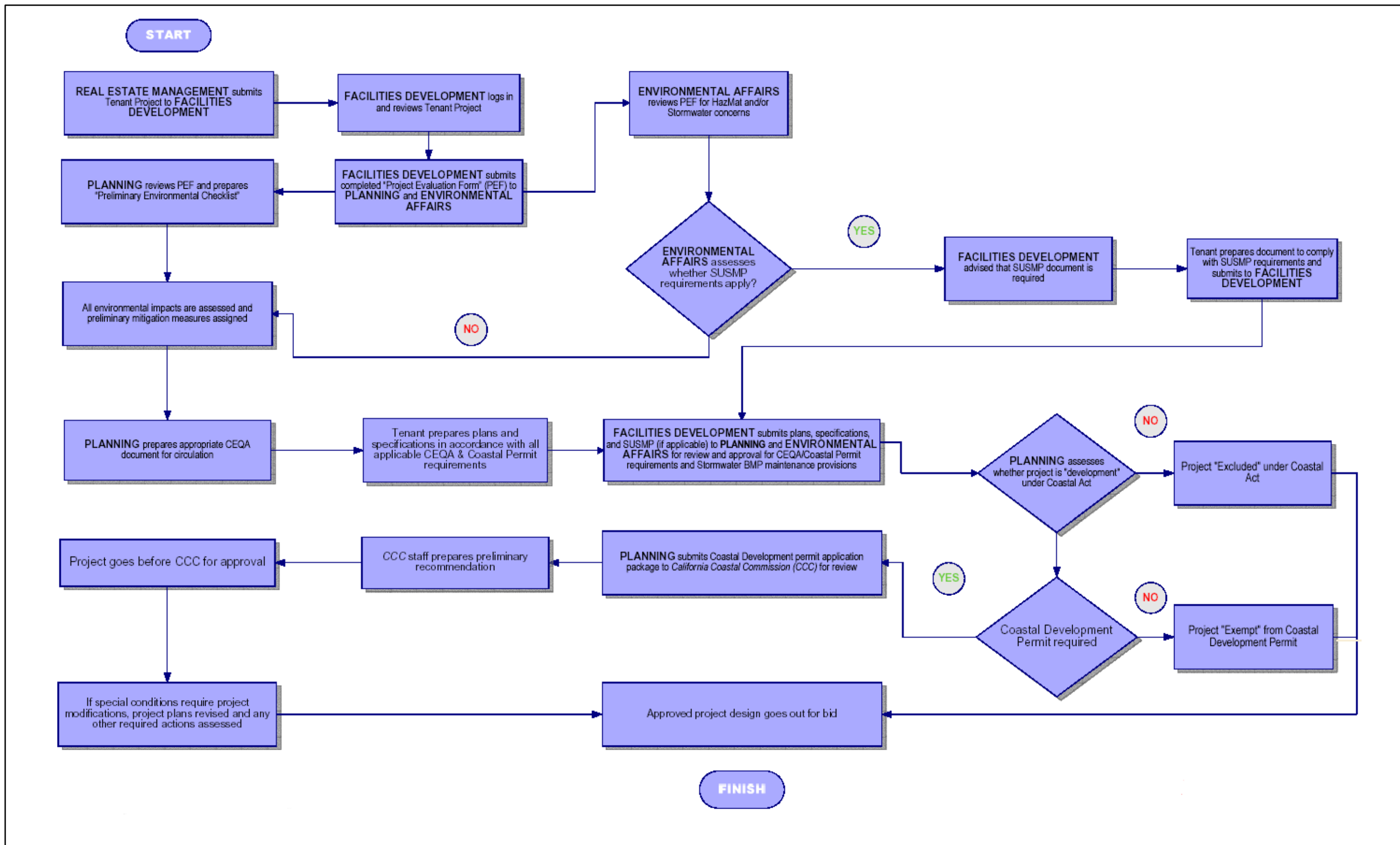
The approval of development and improvement projects carried out by the Authority itself includes the incorporation of environmental mitigation measures that are self-imposed as a result of the CEQA review process. Such mitigation measures become part of the project design and/or implementation and are formalized as an adopted CEQA Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

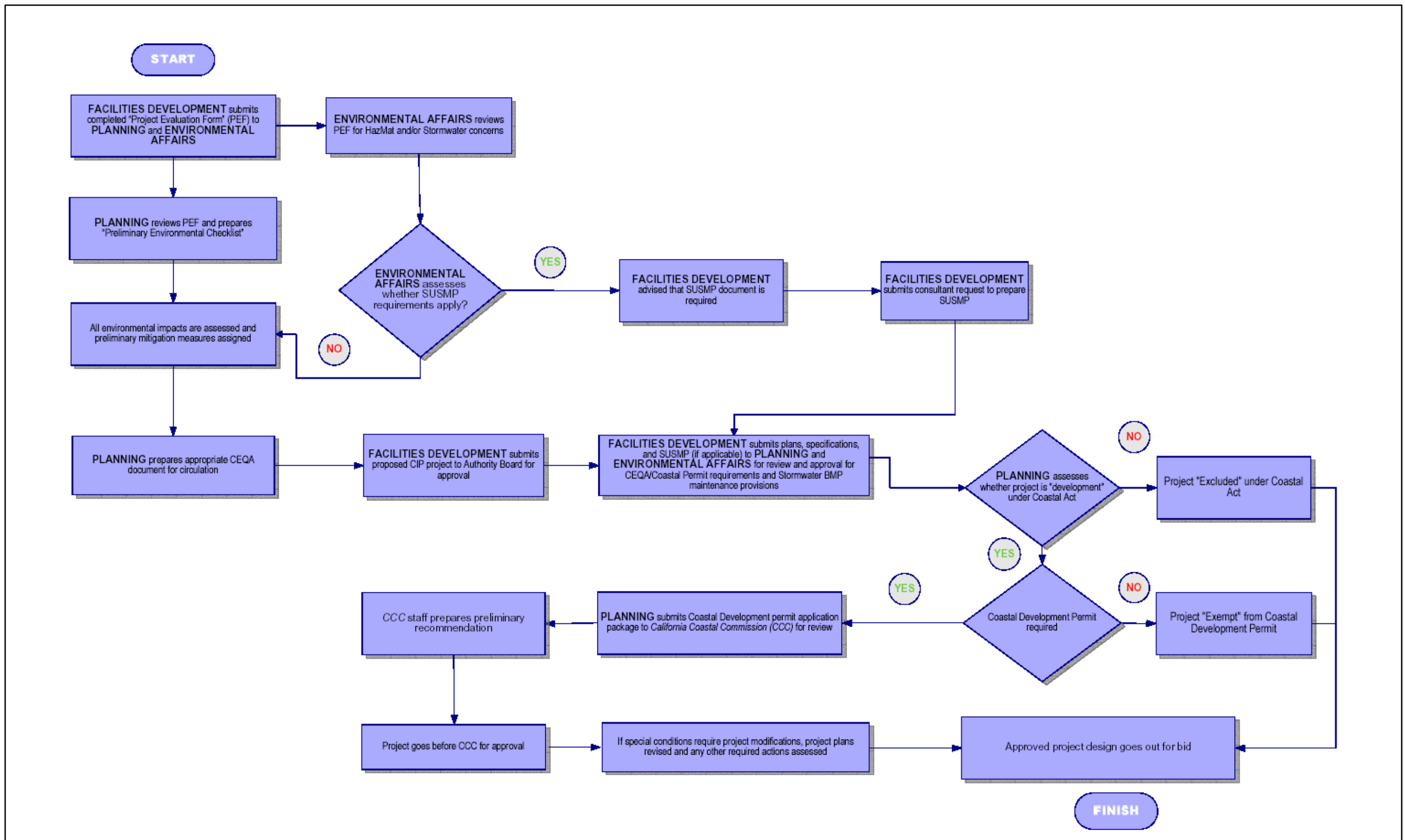
## **Departmental Responsibilities**

The general responsibilities of those departments involved in the implementation of the Authority's SUSMP process are listed in Table 1-1. The inspectors of Facilities Development ensure that structural BMPs are installed according to approved plans. Real Estate Management and Environmental Affairs are responsible for ensuring that tenants properly operate and maintain any stormwater pollution control measures that were required as part of the project approval. The Facilities Maintenance Department and Airside Operations Department and Land Operations Department staffs are involved with the operation and proper maintenance of BMPs installed for capital projects and major maintenance projects.

## **Adequacy of Proposed Plans**

Environmental Affairs will review Project Submittal documents and other relevant plans for compliance with the applicable SUSMP requirements. Environmental Affairs may approve proposed alternatives to the BMP requirements in the Authority SUSMP if they are determined to be applicable and equally effective. Additional analysis or information may be required to enable staff to determine the adequacy of proposed BMPs and will be requested following the conclusion of a staff review cycle. The Project Submittal will be deemed complete once Environmental Affairs determines that the project's compliance with the Authority SUSMP is adequately described in the Project Submittal and related plans.





**TABLE 1-1. DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SUSMP IMPLEMENTATION**

<b>Department</b>	Education	Tenant Project Review	Tenant Project Approval	Capital Project Planning	Capital Project Review	Capital Project Approval	Construction Inspection	Capital Project Operations and Maintenance	Enforcement
Airport Planning	O	O		X					
Airside Operations	O						O	X	O
Environmental Affairs	X	X	X	O	X	X	O	O	X
Facilities Development	O	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Facilities Maintenance	O							X	
Landside Operations	O						O	X	O
Real Estate Management	X	X	X				O		X
X – Primary responsibility O – Secondary responsibility									

## How to Use this SUSMP

While the Authority SUSMP details the process for ensuring that the project complies with the Municipal Permit requirements, most applicants will also require the assistance of a qualified civil engineer, architect, and/or landscape architect to ensure an effective project design. Because every project is different, project applicants should also check with staff from the Environmental Affairs Department on the specific requirements for the project.

This updated Authority SUSMP provides the applicant with step-by-step instructions for preparing a Project Submittal for review by the Authority Environmental Affairs Department.

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These steps are:

1. Assemble needed information.
2. Identify site opportunities and constraints.
3. Follow the LID Design Guidance to analyze the project for LID and to develop and document the drainage design.
4. Identify the specific source control requirements using the sources/source control checklist in the appendix.
5. Plan for ongoing maintenance of treatment and flow-control facilities.
6. Complete the Project Submittal.

The step-by-step instructions are augmented by a checklist which Environmental Affairs Department staff use as a guide when reviewing the Project Submittal. This SUSMP also includes a Project Submittal outline and content requirements.

Chapter 1 provides an overview of when and how stormwater quality management requirements apply to the proposed project. Chapter 1 also provides an overview of the process of planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance leading to compliance.

Chapter 2 provides background on key stormwater concepts, terms, issues, and water quality regulations, including design criteria.

Chapter 3 provides a step-by-step guide to and checklist for preparing a Project Submittal.

Chapter 4, the Low Impact Development Design Guide, includes design procedures, calculation procedures, and instructions for presenting the design and calculations in the Project Submittal.

Chapter 5 outlines acceptable means for ensuring that stormwater treatment facility maintenance plans are prepared and implemented, as required by the Municipal Permit.

At the end of each Chapter, there are references and resources to help facilitate understanding of the regulations, complete the Project Submittal, and design effective stormwater control measures for the project.

The most common (and costly) errors made by applicants for development approvals with respect to stormwater quality compliance are:

1. Not planning for compliance early enough. The strategy for stormwater quality compliance should be developed before completing a conceptual site design or sketching a layout of the project site (Chapter 3).
2. Mistakenly assuming proprietary stormwater treatment facilities will be adequate for compliance (Chapter 2).



3. Not planning for periodic inspections and maintenance of treatment and flow-control facilities. Consider who will own and who will maintain the facilities in perpetuity and how they will obtain access, and identify which arrangements are acceptable to the Authority (Chapter 5).

## **Compliance Process at a Glance**

The applicant for development project approval must follow these general steps to ensure compliance with stormwater regulations:

1. Discuss requirements during a pre-application meeting with staff from the Environmental Affairs Department.
2. Review the instructions in this SUSMP before preparing preliminary site plans or maps, drainage plans, and landscaping plans.
3. Prepare the Project Submittal, which is typically made with the application for development approvals.
4. Create a detailed project design, incorporating the features described in the Project Submittal.
5. In a table on the construction plans, list each stormwater compliance feature and facility and the plan sheet where it appears.
6. Prepare and submit a draft Stormwater Facility Operation and Maintenance Plan.
7. Maintain stormwater facilities during construction and following construction in accordance with required warranties.
8. Following construction, ensure that responsibility for maintenance is properly transferred to the owner.
9. The owner must periodically verify stormwater facilities are properly maintained.

Preparation of a complete and detailed Project Submittal is the key to cost-effective stormwater compliance and expeditious project review. Instructions for preparing the Project Submittal are in Chapter 3.

## **Policies and Procedures**

There are several policies and procedures which determine if and how the proposed development project must comply with stormwater quality requirements several of which are discussed below.

## **Phased Projects**

When determining whether SUSMP requirements apply, a “project” should be defined consistent with the CEQA definitions of “project.” That is, the “project” is the whole of an action which has the potential for adding or replacing or resulting in the addition or replacement of roofs, pavement, or other impervious surfaces and thereby resulting in increased flows and stormwater pollutants. “Whole of an action” means the project may not be segmented or piecemealed into small parts if the effect is to reduce the quantity of impervious area for any part to below the SUSMP thresholds.

For phased projects, Environmental Affairs Department staff may request a conceptual or master Project Submittal which describes and illustrates, in broad outline, how the drainage for the project will comply with the SUSMP requirements. The level of detail in the conceptual or master Project Submittal should be consistent with the scope and level of detail of the development approval being considered. The conceptual or master Project Submittal should specify that a more detailed Project Submittal for each later phase or portion of the project will be submitted with subsequent applications for approval of various project components.

## **A Low Impact Development Design Procedure**

The Municipal Permit requires that LID practices be incorporated into all development projects to minimize runoff pollutant loads and to control the peak flow and runoff duration. To assist the land development community, to streamline project reviews, and to maximize cost-effective environmental benefits, the updated Model SUSMP incorporated a unified LID design procedure. This design procedure integrates site planning and design measures with engineered, small-scale Integrated Management Practices (IMPs) such as bioretention. By following the procedure outlined here in the Authority SUSMP (which is again based upon the Model SUSMP), applicants can develop a single integrated design which complies with the complex and overlapping Municipal Permit LID requirements, stormwater treatment requirements, and any applicable runoff peak-and-duration-control (hydromodification management) requirements. Low Impact Development is an integrated site design methodology that uses small-scale detention and retention to minimize pollutants conveyed by runoff and to mimic pre-project site hydrological conditions.

Along with the detailed design procedures incorporated from the Model SUSMP, this updated Authority SUSMP includes design information and criteria for dispersal of runoff to landscaped areas and for pervious pavements, bioretention facilities, flow-through planters, dry wells, infiltration basins, and cisterns. Where feasible and where allowed, water in cisterns may be directed to non-potable uses, augmenting water supplies. Bioretention facilities and planter boxes can be designed with an impermeable barrier so that runoff does not saturate native soils; instead, runoff is filtered through an engineered soil mix before being captured in an underdrain and conveyed to off-site storm drains. Such a configuration may be needed here at the airport where groundwater is high, may be contaminated, or where increasing soil moisture may present a hazard to foundations.

The updated Authority SUSMP requires that runoff be infiltrated or else treated by bioretention facilities, planter boxes, and filters. Although the Model SUSMP envisions the use of settling ponds and/or constructed wetlands, such facilities would not likely be allowed at the airport since they are generally wildlife/bird attractants which could present hazards to aircraft. In some special circumstances (such as retrofit of existing drainage systems, some pedestrian-oriented developments, roadway widening, some parking lot pavement, and airfield pavement projects) where it can be demonstrated it is not be feasible to construct any of the infiltration and/or bioretention facilities, higher-rate surface biofilters or higher-rate vault based filtration units may be used.

The design approach is detailed in Chapter 4. General instructions for preparing a complete Project Submittal are in Chapter 3, and specific local submittal requirements are available from Environmental Affairs Department staff.

Applicants for development project approvals may choose not to use the unified LID design procedure; in such cases, however, they will still need to demonstrate compliance with the applicable LID criteria, and stormwater treatment criteria. These criteria are described in Chapter 4 and in the Municipal Permit.

## **Requirements for All Development Projects**

All development projects must include control measures to reduce the discharge of stormwater pollutants to the maximum extent practicable.

In general, for projects that are not “Priority Development Projects,” this will include:

- Implementation of source control BMPs as listed in the Appendix B.
- Inclusion of some LID features that conserve natural features, set back development from natural water bodies, minimize imperviousness, maximize infiltration, and retain and slow runoff.
- Compliance with requirements for construction-phase controls on sediment and other pollutants.

Please note that Environmental Affairs Department staff may determine that additional stormwater treatment controls are also required for the project. LID treatment controls such as infiltration or bioretention are generally preferred (see “Selection of Treatment Facilities” in Chapter 2). If treatment facilities are included, provisions must be made to ensure their long-term maintenance.

## **Additional Requirements for Priority Development Projects**

The Municipal Permit requires that more specific runoff treatment controls be incorporated into Priority Development Projects. There are several factors used to define a Priority Development

Project, namely, the stormwater pollutant generation capacity of the project, the type of development, and the project footprint. Each of these factors is further discussed below.

► **POLLUTANT GENERATING PROJECTS WHICH DISTURB ONE ACRE OR MORE OF LAND**

Projects that generate pollutants at levels greater than background levels and disturb one acre or more of land are considered Priority Development Projects. Environmental Affairs Department staff should be consulted in determining the applicability of this definition to a project. However, in most cases, linear pathway projects that are for infrequent vehicle use (such as emergency or maintenance access) or for pedestrian use are not considered pollutant generating above background levels if they are built with pervious surfaces or if they allow runoff to sheet flow to surrounding pervious surfaces.

► **NEW DEVELOPMENT**

Projects on undeveloped land are Priority Development Projects if they are in one or more of the categories listed in Table 1-2. While the Municipal Permit also includes a few new development categories that do not appear in Table 1-2, those few categories (such as Hillside Development) are not applicable at San Diego International Airport. If any of the definitions in Table 1-2 apply, then the project is a Priority Development Project. Note some thresholds are defined by square footage of impervious area created; others by the total area of the development. If a project feature such as a parking lot falls into one of these Priority Development Project categories, then the entire project footprint is subject to Priority Project requirements.

► **PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED SITES**

Projects on previously developed sites (“redevelopment projects”) are Priority Development Projects if they create, add, or replace 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface and are also listed in one of the categories in Table 1-2.

**THE “50% RULE” FOR PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED PROJECT SITES:** Projects on previously developed sites may also need to retrofit drainage of ALL impervious areas of the ENTIRE project site. For projects creating or replacing more than 5,000 square feet of impervious area:

- If the new project results in an increase of, or replacement of, 50% or more of the previously existing impervious surface, and the existing development was not subject to SUSMP requirements, then the entire project must be included in the treatment measure design.
- If less than 50% of the previously impervious surface is to be affected, only that portion must be included in the treatment measure design.

If a redevelopment project feature such as a parking lot falls into a Priority Development Project category, then the entire project footprint is subject to Priority Project requirements.

**TABLE 1-2. PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CATEGORIES APPLICABLE AT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

<b>Priority Development Project Categories</b>
<p><b>Commercial — greater than one acre.</b> Any development other than heavy industry or residential. Examples: hospitals; laboratories and other medical facilities; educational institutions; recreational facilities; municipal facilities; commercial nurseries; multi-apartment buildings; car wash facilities; mini-malls and other business complexes; shopping malls; hotels; office buildings; public warehouses; automotive dealerships; airfields; and other light industrial facilities.</p>
<p><b>Heavy industry — greater than one acre.</b> Examples: manufacturing plants, food processing plants, metal working facilities, printing plants, and fleet storage areas (bus, truck, etc.).</p>
<p><b>Automotive repair shops.</b> A facility categorized in any one of Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes 5013, 5014, 5541, 7532-7534, or 7536-7539 (See Appendix C for descriptions of SIC codes).</p>
<p><b>Restaurants.</b> Any facility that sells prepared foods and drinks for consumption, including stationary lunch counters and refreshment stands selling prepared foods and drinks for immediate consumption (SIC code 5812), where the land area for development is greater than 5,000 square feet. Restaurants where land development is less than 5,000 square feet shall meet all SUSMP requirements except for structural treatment BMP and numeric sizing criteria requirements and hydromodification requirements.</p>
<p><b>Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs).</b> All development located within or directly adjacent to or discharging directly to an ESA (where discharges from the development or redevelopment will enter receiving waters within the ESA), which either creates 2,500 square feet of impervious surface on a proposed project site or increases the area of imperviousness of a proposed project site to 10% or more of its naturally occurring condition. “Directly adjacent” means situated within 200 feet of the ESA. “Discharging directly to” means outflow from a drainage conveyance system that is composed entirely of flows from the subject development or redevelopment site, and not commingled with flows from adjacent lands.</p>
<p><b>Parking lots:</b> 5,000 square feet or more or with 15 or more parking spaces and potentially exposed to urban runoff.</p>
<p><b>Street, Roads, Highways, and Freeways.</b> Any paved surface that is 5,000 square feet or greater used for the transportation of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles.</p>
<p><b>Retail Gasoline Outlets (RGOs):</b> that are: (a) 5,000 square feet or more or (b) a projected Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of 100 or more vehicles per day.</p>

**► EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES**

The following project types (listed in Table 1-3) are not subject to the SUSMP treatment control requirements: redevelopment projects which are limited to interior remodels; routine maintenance or repair; roof or exterior surface replacement; resurfacing and reconfiguring surface parking lots and existing roadways; new sidewalk construction or pedestrian ramps; bike lanes on existing roads; and routine replacement of damaged pavement, such as pothole repair. Nonetheless, the project is still obligated to meet the requirements for All Development Projects outlined above and must also incorporate any applicable source control requirements.

Also note that Environmental Affairs Department staff may choose to designate a project that is not defined within any of the categories in Table 1-2 as Priority Development Project, based on the project’s potential impacts to stormwater quality.

**TABLE 1-3. PROJECTS TYPES FOR WHICH TREATMENT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS DO NOT APPLY\***

<b>Project Type</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Redevelopment projects limited to interior remodeling.</li> <li>▪ Routine maintenance or repair.</li> <li>▪ Roof or exterior surface replacement.</li> <li>▪ Any resurfacing and reconfiguring of surface parking lots and existing roadways.</li> <li>▪ New sidewalk or pedestrian ramp construction.</li> <li>▪ Construction of bike-lanes on existing roads.</li> <li>▪ Replacement of damaged pavement or impervious surfaces as part of routine maintenance activities.</li> <li>▪ Application of asphalt overlay to existing pavement.</li> <li>▪ Projects (except mandatory categories above) that create less than 2,500 square feet of impervious surfaces or do not increase the area of imperviousness of a project site to 10% or more of its naturally occurring condition.</li> </ul>

\* Note: the project is still obligated to meet the requirements for All Development Projects and must incorporate any applicable source control requirements. Refer to the SUSMP definitions and Model SUSMP for more information as necessary.

**Compliance with Flow-Control Requirements**

Changes to downstream erosion conditions and stream habitat caused by development are referred to as hydromodification. Applicants for approval of Priority Development Projects (defined herein) must comply with the hydromodification management criteria in Provision D.1.g of the Municipal Permit and design projects such that runoff rates and durations are controlled to maintain or reduce pre-project downstream erosion conditions and protect stream habitat. The Copermittees developed, and the RWQCB approved, a Hydromodification Management Plan (HMP) that has been incorporated into the Model SUSMP.

Both the Municipal Permit and the Model SUSMP allow for exemptions to the hydromodification requirements in the HMP under the following conditions relevant to the jurisdiction of the Authority:

1. The project would discharge directly into San Diego Bay; or
2. The project would discharge to a stabilized conveyance system that extends to San Diego Bay; or
3. The contributing watershed area to which the project discharges has an impervious area percentage greater than 70%.

Given the location of the airport, the urban environment surrounding the airport, and that San Diego Bay is the receiving water for stormwater runoff from the airport, every project proposed at the airport and within the jurisdiction of the Authority is exempt from hydromodification requirements. Nonetheless, the Authority does have the authority to require a project to implement applicable HMP requirements even if the project might typically be exempt.

Projects determined to be exempt from HMP flow control requirements are still required to implement the LID and water quality treatment control requirements of the Municipal Permit and the Authority SUSMP.

## **Waivers from Numeric Sizing Criteria**

The Municipal Permit allows for a project to be waived from numeric sizing criteria for stormwater treatment only if all available treatment facilities have been considered and found infeasible. Environmental Affairs Department staff must inform the Water Board within 5 days of granting a waiver. Other SUSMP requirements — including site designs to minimize imperviousness and source control BMPs — will still apply.

Experience has shown implementation of LID facilities, as described in Chapter 4, is feasible on nearly all development sites. However, the use of LID to retrofit existing drainage systems, to manage runoff from sites smaller than one acre in pedestrian-oriented developments, or to manage runoff from widened portions of roadways, sometimes presents special challenges. In these special situations, applicants should see the discussion of “Selection of Stormwater Treatment Facilities” in Chapter 2 and, in consultation with staff from the Environmental Affairs Department staff, evaluate the options described in order in that section. All the options listed meet the numeric sizing criteria in the Municipal Permit.

If infeasibility of all these options can be established, Environmental Affairs Department staff will determine the eligibility of the project for a waiver.

## **Conflicts With Other Regulations**

The Authority knows of no apparent conflicts between the Model SUSMP requirements and established Authority codes or ordinances. If an apparent conflict is identified by a project proponent, it should be brought to the attention of the Authority Project Architect for tenant projects or the Authority Environmental Affairs Department for capital projects.

### **References and Resources:**

RWQCB Order R9-2007-0001 (Municipal Permit)

Model SUSMP

Project Clean Water



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Municipal Permit Provision D.1.d. requires Copermittees to regulate projects in specific categories (Table 1-1) to:

1. Reduce discharges of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable.
2. Prevent runoff discharges from causing or contributing to a violation of water quality standards.

The Copermittees have created a Low Impact Development (LID) design procedure (Chapter 4) that ensures consistent and thorough implementation of the Municipal Permit requirements. This chapter explains the technical background of the LID approach and how it was derived.

The previous permit, issued in 2001, included a requirement to control the post-development peak storm water runoff rates and velocities to maintain or reduce pre-development downstream erosion and protect stream habitat. The 2007 permit includes, in addition to this ongoing requirement, a new requirement to develop a hydromodification management plan (HMP) to identify and define a methodology and performance criteria to ensure flow rates and durations do not exceed pre-project runoff where increased runoff could cause erosion or other significant adverse impacts to beneficial uses.

As required by the Municipal Permit, the Copermittees have adopted final hydromodification criteria. See Chapter 1.

### Water-Quality Regulations

Provision D.1 of the Municipal Permit requires the Copermittees to condition development approvals on incorporation of specified stormwater controls.

Provision D.1 requires new developments and redevelopments to:

- Design the site to conserve natural areas, existing trees and vegetation and soils, to maintain natural drainage patterns, to minimize imperviousness, to detain runoff, and to infiltrate runoff where feasible
- Cover or control sources of stormwater pollutants
- Treat runoff prior to discharge. Provision E.10 of the Municipal Permit states: “Urban runoff treatment and/or mitigation must occur prior to the discharge of urban runoff into a receiving water. Federal regulations at 40 CFR 131.10(a) state that in no case shall a state adopt waste transport or waste assimilation as a designated use for any waters of the U.S.”

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- Ensure runoff does not exceed pre-project peaks and durations where increases could affect downstream habitat or other beneficial uses
- Maintain treatment and flow-control facilities

The Authority maintains a database to track approved installations of treatment facilities and to verify facilities are maintained. In an annual report to the RWQCB, the Authority includes a list of development projects subject to SUSMP conditions and descriptions of those projects that:

- Received a waiver from SUSMP criteria;
- Used hydrologic controls used to meet HMP requirements, including a description of the controls;
- Have an area of 50 acres or greater, and are thus subject to the IHC.

The Authority must also annually report the number of violations and enforcement actions taken upon development projects. The Authority's program is subject to audit by the RWQCB.

The Authority is charged with ensuring development projects comply with the Municipal Permit D.1 requirements. RWQCB staff may review stormwater controls and hydromodification impacts in connection with applications for Clean Water Act Section 401 water-quality certification, which is required for projects that involve work, such as dredging or placement of fill, within waters of the US.

### ► MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE

Clean Water Act Section 402(p)(3)(iii) sets the standard for stormwater controls as “maximum extent practicable,” but doesn't define that term. As implemented, “maximum extent practicable” is ever-changing and varies with conditions.

Many stormwater controls, including LID facilities, have proven to be practicable in most site development projects. To achieve fair and effective implementation, criteria, guidance, and requirements for controls must be detailed and specific—while also offering the right amount of flexibility or exceptions for special cases. The Municipal Permit includes various standards, including hydrologic criteria, which comprise the “maximum extent practicable” standard. The Model SUSMP, upon which the Authority SUSMP is based, will be continuously improved and refined based on the experience of land use and municipal planners and engineers, with input from land developers and development professionals. By following the Model SUSMP (and in turn, the Authority SUSMP), applicants can ensure their project design meets the “maximum extent practicable” standard.

### ► BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Clean Water Act Section 402(p) and USEPA regulations (40 CFR 122.26) specify a municipal program of “management practices” to control stormwater pollutants. **Best Management Practice (BMP)** refers to any kind of procedure, activity or device designed to minimize the quantity of pollutants that enter the storm drain system. BMPs are typically used in place of

assigning numeric effluent limits. The criteria for source control BMPs and treatment and flow-control facilities are crafted to fulfill “maximum extent practicable.”

The Authority SUSMP refers to stormwater management/treatment “facilities,” “features,” or “controls” interchangeably; all of these are considered to be BMPs.

## Pollutants of Concern

Municipal Permit Provision D.1.d.(3) requires each Copermittee to develop and implement a procedure for pollutants of concern to be identified for each Priority Development Project. The Copermittees have considered this requirement jointly and have determined the LID design procedures described in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Authority SUSMP fully address the need to identify pollutants of concern insofar as that identification may affect the selection of source control BMPs and treatment facilities.

Documentation of the approach to identifying pollutants of concern and selecting BMPs and facilities follows.

### ► GROUPING OF POTENTIAL POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN

Urban runoff from a developed site has the potential to contribute pollutants, including oil and grease, suspended solids, metals, gasoline, pesticides, and pathogens to the storm water conveyance system and receiving waters. For the purposes of identifying pollutants of concern and associated storm water BMPs, pollutants are grouped in nine general categories as follows:

- **Sediments** are soils or other surficial materials eroded and then transported or deposited by the action of wind, water, ice, or gravity. Sediments can increase turbidity, clog fish gills, reduce spawning habitat, lower young aquatic organisms survival rates, smother bottom dwelling organisms, and suppress aquatic vegetation growth.
- **Nutrients** are inorganic substances, such as nitrogen and phosphorus. They commonly exist in the form of mineral salts that are either dissolved or suspended in water. Primary sources of nutrients in urban runoff are fertilizers and eroded soils. Excessive discharge of nutrients to water bodies and streams can cause excessive aquatic algae and plant growth. Such excessive production, referred to as cultural eutrophication, may lead to excessive decay of organic matter in the water body, loss of oxygen in the water, release of toxins in sediment, and the eventual death of aquatic organisms.
- **Metals** are raw material components in non-metal products such as fuels, adhesives, paints, and other coatings. Primary sources of metal pollution in storm water are typically commercially available metals and metal products. Metals of concern include cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, and zinc. Lead and chromium have been used as corrosion inhibitors in primer coatings and cooling tower systems. At low concentrations naturally occurring in soil, metals are not toxic. However, at higher

concentrations, certain metals can be toxic to aquatic life. Humans can be impacted from contaminated groundwater resources, and bioaccumulation of metals in fish and shellfish. Environmental concerns, regarding the potential for release of metals to the environment, have already led to restricted metal usage in certain applications.

- **Organic compounds** are carbon-based. Commercially available or naturally occurring organic compounds are found in pesticides, solvents, and hydrocarbons. Organic compounds can, at certain concentrations, indirectly or directly constitute a hazard to life or health. When rinsing off objects, toxic levels of solvents and cleaning compounds can be discharged to storm drains. Dirt, grease, and grime retained in the cleaning fluid or rinse water may also adsorb levels of organic compounds that are harmful or hazardous to aquatic life.
- **Trash** (such as paper, plastic, polystyrene packing foam, and aluminum materials) and biodegradable organic matter (such as leaves, grass cuttings, and food waste) are general waste products on the landscape. The presence of trash & debris may have a significant impact on the recreational value of a water body and aquatic habitat. Excess organic matter can create a high biochemical oxygen demand in a stream and thereby lower its water quality. Also, in areas where stagnant water exists, the presence of excess organic matter can promote septic conditions resulting in the growth of undesirable organisms and the release of odorous and hazardous compounds such as hydrogen sulfide.
- **Oxygen-Demanding Substances** includes biodegradable organic material as well as chemicals that react with dissolved oxygen in water to form other compounds. Proteins, carbohydrates, and fats are examples of biodegradable organic compounds. Compounds such as ammonia and hydrogen sulfide are examples of oxygen-demanding compounds. The oxygen demand of a substance can lead to depletion of dissolved oxygen in a water body and possibly the development of septic conditions.
- Primary sources of **oil and grease** are petroleum hydrocarbon products, motor products from leaking vehicles, esters, oils, fats, waxes, and high molecular-weight fatty acids. Introduction of these pollutants to the water bodies are very possible due to the wide uses and applications of some of these products in municipal, residential, commercial, industrial, and construction areas. Elevated oil and grease content can decrease the aesthetic value of the water body, as well as the water quality.
- **Bacteria and Viruses** are ubiquitous microorganisms that thrive under certain environmental conditions. Their proliferation is typically caused by the transport of animal or human fecal wastes from the watershed. Water, containing excessive bacteria and viruses can alter the aquatic habitat and create a harmful environment for humans and aquatic life. Also, the decomposition of excess organic waste causes increased growth of undesirable organisms in the water.

- **Pesticides** (including herbicides) are chemical compounds commonly used to control nuisance growth or prevalence of organisms. Excessive application of a pesticide may result in runoff containing toxic levels of its active component.

► **IDENTIFYING POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN BASED ON LAND USES**

Table 2-1 associates pollutants with the Priority Development Project categories described in Table 1-2. Pollutants associated with any hazardous material sites that have been remediated or are not threatened by the proposed project are not considered a pollutant of concern.

**TABLE 2-1. ANTICIPATED AND POTENTIAL POLLUTANTS GENERATED BY LAND USE TYPE AT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.**

Priority Project Categories	General Pollutant Categories								
	Sediment	Nutrients	Heavy Metals	Organic Compounds	Trash & Debris	Oxygen Demanding Substances	Oil & Grease	Bacteria & Viruses	Pesticides
Commercial Development >one acre	P(1)	P(1)	X	P(2)	X	P(5)	X	P(3)	P(5)
Heavy Industry	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Automotive Repair Shops			X	X(4)(5)	X		X		
Restaurants					X	X	X	X	P(1)
Parking Lots	P(1)	P(1)	X		X	P(1)	X		P(1)
Retail Gasoline Outlets			X	X	X	X	X		
Streets, Highways & Freeways	X	P(1)	X	X(4)	X	P(5)	X	X	P(1)
X = anticipated P = potential (1) A potential pollutant if landscaping exists on-site. (2) A potential pollutant if the project includes uncovered parking areas. (3) A potential pollutant if land use involves food or animal waste products. (4) Including petroleum hydrocarbons. (5) Including solvents.									

► **WATERSHEDS WITH SPECIAL POLLUTANT CONCERNS**

Local receiving water quality conditions may require specialized attention. There are two water quality issues in the vicinity of the airport that should be considered, namely:

- 303(d) listed waters; and
- Waters with established TMDLs.

The Municipal Permit identifies several receiving waters as impaired for constituents or water quality effects pursuant to **Section 303(d)** of the Clean Water Act. Placement of a water onto the list requires the RWQCB to make further analysis of the impairment and development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for addressing the impairment. The 303(d) listing in itself does not demand that a project proponent select BMPs on the basis of the impairment; however, the project proponent should be cognizant of the impairment and the future implications a TMDL might have upon the proposed land use.

Once a TMDL is established it may impose conditions on development either through an implementation plan and schedule for the listed water, or through special conditions required of the jurisdiction affected by the numeric criteria of the TMDL. At this time, several 303(d) listings in San Diego County are at various stages of TMDL development with only four TMDLs having been adopted by the RWQCB. However, there are approximately 190 pending TMDLs in the county.

The **adopted TMDLs** in the San Diego region include:

- Diazinon for Chollas Creek;
- Nitrogen and phosphorous for Rainbow Creek;
- Dissolved copper for Shelter Island Yacht Basin;
- Copper, lead, and zinc for Chollas Creek, and
- Indicator bacteria for beaches and creeks in the San Diego Region.

Chollas Creek, Shelter Island Yacht Basin and the airport all lie within the Pueblo San Diego hydrologic unit (908.00) of the RWQCB San Diego Basin Plan (1994). However, the airport is more specifically located in the San Diego Mesa hydrologic area (908.20), and Lindbergh hydrologic sub-area (HAS 908.21), while Chollas Creek is located in the Chollas hydrologic sub-area (HAS 908.22) and Shelter Island Yacht Basin is located in the Point Loma hydrologic area (HA 908.10). Project proponents should meet with staff from the Environmental Affairs Department to determine if any project characteristics or watershed characteristics affect the selection and design of BMPs. Except in rare circumstances, the use of the LID Design Guide (Chapter 4) and the Stormwater Pollutant Sources/Source Control Checklist (Appendix B) will ensure the project complies with all stormwater requirements.

## Selection of Permanent Source Control BMPs

Based on identification of potential pollutants of concern associated with various types of facilities, the Copermittees have developed a Stormwater Pollutant Sources/Source Control Checklist (Appendix B) of “maximum extent practicable” source controls associated with each facility type. This approach ensures appropriate BMPs are applied to potential sources of each pollutant of concern.

## Selection of Stormwater Treatment Facilities

As in the Model SUSMP, the Authority SUSMP groups pollutants of concern by how easily they are removed by various treatment processes (see Table 2-2).

Table 2-3 presents a general comparison of how various types of treatment facilities perform for each group of pollutants.

**TABLE 2-2. GROUPING OF POTENTIAL POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN BY FATE DURING STORMWATER TREATMENT**

Pollutant	Coarse Sediment and Trash	Pollutants that tend to associate with fine particles during treatment	Pollutants that tend to be dissolved following treatment
Sediment	X	X	
Nutrients		X	X
Heavy Metals		X	
Organic Compounds		X	
Trash & Debris	X		
Oxygen Demanding		X	
Bacteria		X	
Oil & Grease		X	
Pesticides		X	

**TABLE 2-3. GROUPS OF POLLUTANTS AND RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENT FACILITIES**

<b>Pollutants of Concern</b>	Bioretention Facilities (LID)	Settling Basins (Dry Ponds)	Wet Ponds and Constructed Wetlands	Infiltration Facilities or Practices (LID)	Media Filters	Higher-rate biofilters*	Higher-rate media filters*	Trash Racks & Hydro-dynamic Devices	Vegetated Swales
<b>Coarse Sediment and Trash</b>	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
<b>Pollutants that tend to associate with fine particles during treatment</b>	High	High	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium
<b>Pollutants that tend to be dissolved following treatment</b>	Medium	Low	Medium	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

\*See text for further discussion of selection of treatment facilities in special situations.

The following types of facilities are appropriate for treatment of runoff potentially containing most pollutants of concern. These types of facilities can be used for stormwater treatment for all land uses in all watersheds, except where site-specific constraints make them infeasible.

- Infiltration facilities or practices, including dry wells, infiltration trenches, infiltration basins, and other facilities that infiltrate runoff to native soils (sized to detain and infiltrate a volume equivalent to the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile 24-hour event).
- Bioretention facilities and media filters that detain stormwater and filter it slowly through soil or sand (sized with a surface area at least 0.04 times the effectively impervious tributary area).
- Extended detention basins, wet ponds, and wetlands or other facilities using settling (sized to detain a volume equivalent to runoff from the tributary area generated by the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile 24-hour event). As noted in Chapter 1, such facilities would not likely be allowed at the airport since they are generally wildlife/bird attractants which could present hazards to aircraft.

The recommended design procedure in Chapter 4 integrates LID practices—optimizing the site design, using pervious surfaces, and dispersing of runoff to adjacent pervious areas—with the use of infiltration facilities and practices and bioretention facilities to meet Municipal Permit LID requirements, treatment requirements, and flow-control requirements in a cost-effective, unified design.



Oil/water separators (“water quality inlets”), storm drain inlet filters, and hydrodynamic separators, including vortex separators and continuous deflection separators (“CDS units”), are less effective means of stormwater treatment, although they may be used in series with more effective facilities.

Underground vaults typically lack the detention time required for settling of fine particles associated with stormwater pollutants. They also require frequent maintenance and may retain stagnant water, potentially providing harborage for mosquitoes. Because vaults may be “out of sight, out of mind,” experience has shown that the required maintenance may not always occur.

Lack of space, in itself, is not a suitable justification for using a less-effective treatment on a development site, because the uses of the site and the site design can be altered as needed to accommodate bioretention facilities or planter boxes. In most cases, these effective facilities can be fit into required landscaping setbacks, easements, or other unbuildable areas.

Where possible, drainage to inlets, and drainage away from overflows and underdrains, should be by gravity. Where site topography makes it infeasible to accommodate gravity-fed facilities in the project design, the design flow may be captured in a vault or sump and pumped via force main to an effective facility.

The following situations sometimes present special challenges:

- Portions of sites which are not being developed or redeveloped, but which must be retrofit to meet treatment requirements in accordance with Municipal Permit Provision D.1.d.(1)(a) which states in part: “Where redevelopment results in an increase of, or replacement of, more than fifty percent of the impervious surface of a previously existing development, the numeric sizing criteria applies to the entire development.”
- Sites smaller than one acre approved for development or redevelopment as part of a jurisdiction’s stated objective to preserve or enhance a pedestrian-oriented “smart-growth” type of urban design. Such objectives are not currently listed in the Authority’s Airport Master Plan.
- Roadway widening projects.

In these special situations, the following types of facilities should be evaluated in priority order (or as determined by the Environmental Affairs Department) until a feasible design is found.

1. Bioretention areas or planter boxes fed by gravity.
2. Capture of the design flow in a vault or sump and pumping to bioretention areas or planter boxes.
3. A subsurface sand or media filter with a maximum design surface loading rate of 5 inches per hour and a minimum media depth of 18 inches. The sand surface must be made accessible for periodic inspection and maintenance (for example, via a removable grating).

4. A higher-rate surface biofilter, such as a tree-pit-style unit. The grading and drainage design should minimize the area draining to each unit and maximize the number of discrete drainage areas and units.
5. A higher-rate vault-based filtration unit (for example, vaults with replaceable cartridge filters filled with inorganic media).

Many proprietary stormwater treatment devices are currently marketed, and new devices will no doubt be introduced in the future. Applicants and applicants' engineers and design professionals should review any proposals for using proprietary devices for stormwater treatment with Environmental Affairs Department staff before they commence work on preliminary site layout, drainage plans, grading plans, or landscape plans.

## Hydrology for NPDES Compliance

### ► IMPERVIOUSNESS

Schueler (1995) proposed **imperviousness** as a “unifying theme” for the efforts of planners, engineers, landscape architects, scientists, and local officials concerned with urban watershed protection. Schueler argued (1) that imperviousness is a useful indicator linking urban land development to the degradation of aquatic ecosystems, and (2) imperviousness can be quantified, managed, and controlled during land development.

Imperviousness has long been understood as the key variable in urban hydrology. Peak runoff flow and total runoff volume from small urban catchments is usually calculated as a function of the ratio of impervious area to total area (**rational method**). The ratio correlates to the runoff factor, usually designated as “C”. Increased flows resulting from urban development tend to increase the frequency of small-scale flooding downstream.

Imperviousness links urban land development to degradation of aquatic ecosystems in two ways. First, the combination of paved surfaces and piped runoff efficiently collects urban pollutants and transports them, in suspended or dissolved form, to surface waters. These pollutants may originate as airborne dust, be washed from the atmosphere during rains, or may be generated by automobiles and outdoor work activities.

Second, increased peak flows and runoff durations typically cause erosion of stream banks and beds, transport of fine sediments, and disruption of aquatic habitat. Measures taken to control stream erosion, such as hardening banks with riprap or concrete, may permanently eliminate habitat. By reducing infiltration to groundwater, imperviousness may also reduce dry-weather stream flows.

Imperviousness has two major components: rooftops and transportation corridors (and associated facilities, including streets, highways, and parking areas). The transportation component is usually larger and is more likely to be **directly connected** to the storm drain system.

The effects of imperviousness can be mitigated by disconnecting impervious areas from the drainage system and by encouraging detention and retention of runoff near the point where it is generated. Detention and retention reduce peak flows and volumes and allow pollutants to settle out or adhere to soils before they can be transported downstream.

► **LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Municipal Permit requires LID be used on all projects to minimize directly connected impervious area and promote infiltration. For Priority Development Projects, the minimum standards are:

- Drain a portion of impervious areas into pervious areas, if any.
- Design and construct pervious areas, if any, to effectively receive and infiltrate runoff from impervious areas, taking into account soil conditions, slope, and other pertinent factors.
- Construct a portion of paved areas with low traffic and appropriate soil conditions with permeable surfaces.

The LID design procedure in Chapter 4 incorporates these requirements into an integrated design which also meets sizing requirements for stormwater treatment facilities.

► **SIZING REQUIREMENTS FOR STORMWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

The guidance in Chapter 4 was crafted to ensure LID facilities comply with the Municipal Permit requirements for hydraulic sizing of stormwater treatment facilities and flow-control facilities. The technical background follows.

Most runoff is produced by frequent storms of small or moderate intensity and duration. Treatment facilities are designed to treat smaller storms and the first flush of larger storms—approximately 80% of average annual runoff.

The Municipal Permit identifies two types of treatment facilities—volume-based and flow-based.

**Volume-based facilities** must be designed to infiltrate, filter, or treat the volume of runoff produced from a 24-hour 85<sup>th</sup> percentile storm event as determined from the County of San Diego’s 85th Percentile Precipitation Isopluvial Map. As shown on the map, rainfall depths vary from about 0.55" to 1.55".

For **flow-based** facilities, the Municipal Permit specifies the rational method be used to determine flow. The rational method uses the equation

$$Q = CiA$$

where Q = flow

C = weighted runoff factor between 0 and 1

i = rainfall intensity

A = area

The permit identifies two alternatives for calculating rainfall intensity:

1. the 85th percentile rainfall intensity times two, or
2. 0.2 inches per hour.

It is typically found that both methods yield similar results. The 0.2 inches per hour rainfall intensity should generally be used for sizing flow-based treatment facilities within the Authority's jurisdiction.

The 0.2 inches per hour criterion is the basis for a **consistent countywide sizing factor** for bioretention facilities when used for stormwater treatment only (i.e., not for flow control). The factor is based on maintaining a minimum percolation rate of 5 inches per hour through the engineered soil mix. The sizing factor is the ratio of the design intensity of rainfall on tributary impervious surfaces (0.2 inches/hour) to the design percolation rate in the facility (5 inches/hour), or **0.04** (dimensionless).

## **Criteria for Infiltration Devices**

The Municipal Permit restricts the design and location of “infiltration devices” that, as designed, may bypass filtration through surface soils before reaching groundwater. These devices include:

- Infiltration basins.
- Infiltration trenches (includes French drains).
- Unlined retention basins (i.e., basins with no outlets).
- Unlined or open-bottomed vaults or boxes installed below grade (dry wells).

To protect groundwater quality, Section D.1.d.(12) of the Municipal Permit requires that each Copermittee “apply restrictions to the use of treatment control BMPs that are designed to primarily function as centralized infiltration devices (such as large infiltration trenches and infiltration basins). Such restrictions shall be designed so that the use of such infiltration treatment control BMPs shall not cause or contribute to an exceedance of groundwater quality objectives. At a minimum, each treatment control BMP designed to primarily function as a centralized infiltration device shall meet the restrictions below, unless it is demonstrated that a restriction is not necessary to protect groundwater quality. The Copermittees may collectively or individually develop alternative restrictions on the use of treatment control BMPs which are designed to primarily function as centralized infiltration devices. Alternative restrictions developed by the Copermittees can partially or wholly replace the restrictions listed below. The restrictions are not intended to be applied to small infiltration systems dispersed throughout a development project.

- (a) Urban runoff shall undergo pretreatment such as sedimentation or filtration prior to infiltration;

- (b) All dry weather flows containing significant pollutant loads shall be diverted from infiltration devices;
- (c) Pollution prevention and source control BMPs shall be implemented at a level appropriate to protect groundwater quality at sites where infiltration treatment control BMPs are to be used;
- (d) Infiltration treatment control BMPs shall be adequately maintained so that they remove pollutants to the MEP;
- (e) The vertical distance from the base of any infiltration treatment control BMP to the seasonal high groundwater mark shall be at least 10 feet. Where groundwater basins do not support beneficial uses, this vertical distance criteria may be reduced, provided groundwater quality is maintained;
- (f) The soil through which infiltration is to occur shall have physical and chemical characteristics (such as appropriate cation exchange capacity, organic content, clay content, and infiltration rate) which are adequate for proper infiltration durations and treatment of urban runoff for the protection of groundwater beneficial uses;
- (g) Infiltration treatment control BMPs shall not be used for areas of industrial or light industrial activity; areas subject to high vehicular traffic (25,000 or greater average daily traffic on main roadway or 15,000 or more average daily traffic on any intersecting roadway); automotive repair shops; car washes; fleet storage areas (bus, truck, etc.); nurseries; and other high threat to water quality land uses and activities as designated by each Permittee; and
- (h) Infiltration treatment control BMPs shall be located a minimum of 100 feet horizontally from any water supply wells.”

In regards to Municipal Permit Section D.1.d.(12)(e) above and the requirement that “the vertical distance from the base of any infiltration treatment control BMP to the seasonal high groundwater mark shall be at least 10 feet [except w]here groundwater basins do not support beneficial uses [in which case] this vertical distance criteria may be reduced, provided groundwater quality is maintained,” it should be noted that groundwater at San Diego International Airport does not support beneficial uses (Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin, 1994/1995 with amendments effective prior to April 25,2007). As such, the vertical distance from the base of any infiltration treatment control BMP to the seasonal high groundwater mark at the San Diego International Airport may be less than 10 feet, provided groundwater quality is maintained and the remaining restrictions of Municipal Permit Section D.1.d.(12) are met.

In addition, infiltration devices are generally not recommended where:

- The infiltration device would receive drainage from areas where chemicals are used or stored, where vehicles or equipment are washed, or where refuse or wastes are handled.

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- Surface soils or groundwater are polluted.
- The facility could receive sediment-laden runoff from disturbed areas or unstable slopes.
- Increased soil moisture could affect the stability of slopes of foundations.
- Soils are insufficiently permeable to allow the device to drain within 72 hours.

### ► MOST LID FEATURES AND FACILITIES ARE NOT INFILTRATION DEVICES

Self-treating and self-retaining areas, pervious pavements, bioretention facilities, and planter boxes are not considered to be infiltration devices.

Bioretention facilities work by percolating runoff through 18 inches or more of engineered soil. This removes most pollutants before the runoff is allowed to seep into native soils below. Further pollutant removal typically occurs in the unsaturated (vadose) zone before moisture reaches groundwater.

Where there is concern about the effects of increased soil moisture on slopes or foundations, an impermeable barrier may be added so the facility is “flow through” and all treated runoff is underdrained away from the facility. See the design sheets for Bioretention Facilities and Flow-Through Planters in Chapter 4.

### References and Resources:

RWQCB Order R9-2007-0001 (Stormwater Municipal Permit)

County of San Diego Low Impact Development Handbook

Clean Water Act Section 402(p)

40 CFR 122.26

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board—TMDLs

State Water Resources Control Board—Ocean Standards

Site Planning for Urban Stream Protection (Scheuler, 1995).

“Application of Water-Quality Engineering Fundamentals to the Assessment of Stormwater Treatment Devices” (Salvia, 2000).

## Chapter 3 – THE PROJECT SUBMITTAL

A properly prepared SUSMP Project Submittal should demonstrate that the project complies with all applicable requirements in the stormwater Municipal Permit—to minimize imperviousness, retain or detain stormwater, slow runoff rates, incorporate required source controls, treat stormwater prior to discharge, control runoff rates and durations, and provide for operation and maintenance of treatment and flow-control facilities.

Typically, the Project Submittal must be coordinated with the application for discretionary approvals and must have sufficient detail to ensure the stormwater design, site plan, and landscaping plan are congruent. A complete and thorough SUSMP Project Submittal will facilitate quick review and perhaps fewer cycles of review. The Authority requires a submittal for each development project. Be sure to obtain specific submittal requirements from the Authority. The SUSMP Project Submittal may consist of a report and an exhibit. Environmental Affairs Department staff use the following checklist to evaluate the SUSMP Project Submittal.

### Step by Step

Plan and design the stormwater controls integrally with the site planning and landscaping for the project. After start with general project requirements and preliminary site design concepts, then simultaneously prepare the detailed site design, landscape design, and stormwater control design. This will help ensure that the site plan, landscape plan, and Project Submittal are congruent.

The following step-by-step procedure should optimize the design by identifying the best opportunities for stormwater controls early in the design process. The recommended steps are:

1. Assemble needed information.
2. Identify site opportunities and constraints.
3. Follow the LID design guidance in Chapter 4 to analyze the project for LID and to develop and document the drainage design.
4. Specify source controls using the sources/source control checklist in the Appendix B.
5. Plan for ongoing maintenance of treatment and flow-control facilities.
6. Complete the Project Submittal.

Environmental Affairs Department staff recommend that a preliminary site design be submitted prior to formally applying for project approvals. The preliminary site design should incorporate a conceptual plan for site drainage, including self-treating and self-retaining areas and the location and approximate sizes of any treatment facilities. This additional up-front design effort will likely save time and avoid potential delays later in the review process.

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Show all of the following on drawings:

- Existing natural hydrologic features (depressions, watercourses, floodplains, relatively undisturbed areas) and significant natural resources. (Step 1 in the following step-by-step instructions)
- Soil types and depth to groundwater. (Step 1)
- Existing and proposed site drainage network and connections to drainage off-site. (Step 3)
- Proposed design features and surface treatments used to minimize imperviousness. (Step 3)
- Entire site divided into separate drainage areas, with each area identified as self-treating, self-retaining (zero-discharge), draining to a self-retaining area, or draining to an IMP. (Step 3)
- For each drainage area, types of impervious area proposed (roof, plaza/sidewalk, and streets/parking) and area of each. (Step 3)
- Proposed locations and sizes of treatment or flow-control facilities. (Step 3)
- Potential pollutant source areas, including refuse areas, outdoor work and storage areas, etc. listed in the Appendix B and corresponding required source controls. (Step 4)

#### CONTENTS OF REPORT

Include all of the following in a report:

- Narrative analysis or description of site features and conditions that constrain, or provide opportunities for, stormwater control. (Step 2)
- Narrative description of site design characteristics that protect natural resources. (Step 3)
- Narrative description and/or tabulation of site design characteristics, building features, and pavement selections that reduce imperviousness of the site. (Step 3)
- Tabulation of proposed pervious and impervious area, showing self-treating areas, self-retaining areas, and areas tributary to each treatment or flow-control facility. (Step 3)
- Preliminary designs, including calculations, for each infiltration, treatment, or flow-control facility. Elevations should show sufficient hydraulic head for each. (Step 3)
- A table of identified pollutant sources and for each source, the source control measure(s) used to reduce pollutants to the maximum extent practicable. See worksheet in the Appendix B. (Step 4)
- General maintenance requirements for infiltration, treatment, and flow-control facilities (Step 5)
- Means by which facility maintenance will be financed and implemented in perpetuity. (Step 5)
- Identification of any conflicts with codes or requirements or other anticipated obstacles to implementing the proposed facilities in the submittal (Step 6).
- Construction Plan SUSMP Checklist (Step 6).
- Certification by a civil engineer, architect, and landscape architect (Step 6).



## Step 1: Assemble Needed Information

To select types and locations of treatment facilities, the designer needs to know the following site characteristics:

- **Existing natural hydrologic features** and natural resources, including any contiguous natural areas, wetlands, watercourses, seeps, or springs.
- **Existing site topography**, including contours of any slopes of 4% or steeper, general direction of surface drainage, local high or low points or depressions, any outcrops or other significant geologic features.
- **Zoning**, including requirements for **setbacks** and **open space**.
- **Public Works Standards** or applicable other local codes governing minimum street widths, sidewalk construction, allowable pavement types, and drainage. Note that these codes may conflict with proposed project stormwater management controls designed to meet the Low Impact Development objectives of minimizing imperviousness and maintaining or restoring natural site hydrology. Such conflicts should be resolved by the project proponents where it is possible to do so.
- Soil types (including **hydrologic soil groups**) and depth to groundwater, which may determine whether infiltration is a feasible option for managing site runoff. Depending on site location and characteristics, and on the selection of treatment and flow-control facilities, site-specific information (e.g. from boring logs or geotechnical studies) may be required.
- **Existing site drainage**. For undeveloped sites, this should be obtained by inspecting the site and examining topographic maps and survey data. For previously developed sites, site drainage and connection to the Authority's storm drain system can be located from site inspection, storm drain maps, and plans for previous development.
- Existing **vegetative cover** and **impervious areas**, if any.

## References and Resources

- *Site Planning for Urban Stream Protection* (Scheuler 1995).
- *Start at the Source* (BASMAA 1999), p. 36

## Step 2: Identify Constraints & Opportunities

Review the information collected in Step 1. Identify the principal constraints on site design and selection of treatment and flow-control facilities as well as opportunities to reduce imperviousness and incorporate facilities into the site and landscape design. For example, **constraints** might include impermeable soils, high groundwater, groundwater pollution or contaminated soils, steep slopes, geotechnical instability, high-intensity land use, heavy pedestrian or vehicular traffic, restricted right-of-way, or safety concerns. **Opportunities** might include existing natural areas, low areas, oddly configured or otherwise unbuildable parcels, easements and landscape amenities including open space and buffers (which can double as locations for bioretention facilities), and differences in elevation (which can provide hydraulic head).

Prepare a brief **narrative** describing site opportunities and constraints. This narrative will help applicants proceed with LID design and help explain the design decisions to others.

## Step 3: Prepare and Document the LID Design

Use the Low Impact Development Design Guide (Chapter 4) to analyze the project for LID, design and document drainage, and specify preliminary design details for integrated management practices. **Follow the detailed instructions in Chapter 4 to ensure the project complies with Municipal Permit LID requirements (Provision D.1.d.(4)) as well as stormwater treatment requirements in Provision D.1.d.(6)**. The LID Design Guide has been designed so that hydromodification management requirements are also met via this unified design procedure. Chapter 4 includes calculation procedures and formats for presenting the calculations.

As shown in the SUSMP Project Submittal Checklist, the Submittal should include a drawing showing:

- The entire site divided into separate drainage management areas(DMAs), with each area identified as one of the following: self-treating, self-retaining, draining to a self-retaining area, or draining to an IMP. Each area should be clearly marked with a unique identifier.
- For each drainage area, the types of impervious area proposed, and the area of each.
- Proposed locations and sizes of treatment facilities. Each facility should be clearly marked with a unique identifier.

The SUSMP Project Submittal should include:

- Tabulation of proposed self-treating areas, self-retaining areas, areas draining to self-retaining areas, and areas draining to IMPs, and the corresponding IMPs identified on the Exhibit.

- Calculations, in the format shown in Chapter 4, showing the minimum square footage required and proposed square footage for each IMP.
- Preliminary designs for each IMP. The design sheets and accompanying drawings in Chapter 4 may be used or adapted for this purpose.

The following information is also required to assist the Environmental Affairs Department in understanding the basis of the design:

- A narrative overview of the design and how the design decisions optimize the site layout, use pervious surfaces, disperse runoff from impervious surfaces, and drain impervious surfaces to engineered IMPs (see Chapter 4).
- A narrative briefly describing each **drainage management area** (DMA), its drainage, and where drainage will be directed.
- A narrative briefly describing each IMP. Include any special characteristics or features distinct from the design sheets in Chapter 4.

## References and Resources

- Chapter 4
- County of San Diego Low Impact Development Handbook
- Airport Master Plan
- Low Impact Development Manual (Prince George’s County, Maryland, 1999).
- Bioretention Manual (Prince George’s County, Maryland, rev. 2002)
- Site Planning for Urban Stream Protection (Schueler, 1995b).
- Low Impact Development Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound (Puget Sound Action Team, 2005)
- LID for Big Box Retailers (Low Impact Development Center, 2006)

## Step 4. Specify Source Control BMPs

Some everyday activities – such as trash recycling/disposal and washing vehicles and equipment – generate pollutants that tend to find their way into storm drains. These pollutants can be minimized by applying **source control BMPs**.

Source control BMPs include **permanent**, structural features that must be incorporated into the project plans and **operational** BMPs, such as regular sweeping and “housekeeping,” that must be implemented by the site’s occupant or user. The maximum extent practicable standard typically requires both types of BMPs. In general, operational BMPs cannot be substituted for a feasible and effective permanent BMP.

Use the following procedure to specify source control BMPs for the project/site:

► **IDENTIFY POLLUTANT SOURCES**

Review the first column in the **Pollutant Sources/Source Control Checklist** (Appendix B). Check off the potential sources of pollutants that apply to the project/site.

► **NOTE LOCATIONS ON SUBMITTAL DRAWING**

Note the corresponding requirements listed in Column 2 of the Pollutant Sources/Source Control Checklist (Appendix B). Show the location of each pollutant source and each permanent source control BMP in the submittal drawing.

► **PREPARE A TABLE AND NARRATIVE**

Check off the corresponding requirements listed in Column 3 in the Pollutant Sources/Source Control Checklist (Appendix B). Now, create a table using the format in Table 3-1. In the left column, list each potential source on the site (from Appendix B, Column 1). In the middle column, list the corresponding **permanent, structural BMPs** (from Columns 2 and 3, Appendix B) used to prevent pollutants from entering runoff. Accompany this table with a narrative that explains any special features, materials, or methods of construction that will be used to implement these permanent, structural BMPs.

► **IDENTIFY OPERATIONAL SOURCE CONTROL BMPs**

Table 3-1. **FORMAT FOR TABLE OF PERMANENT AND OPERATIONAL SOURCE CONTROL MEASURES.**

<i>Potential source of runoff pollutants</i>	<i>Permanent source control BMPs</i>	<i>Operational source control BMPs</i>

To complete the table, refer once again to the Pollutant Sources/Source Control Checklist (Appendix B, Column 4). List in the right column of the table the operational BMPs that should be implemented as long as the anticipated activities continue at the site. The same BMPs may also be required as a condition of a use permit or other revocable discretionary approval for use of the site.

**References and Resources**

- Appendix B: Stormwater Pollutant Sources/Source Control Checklist
- RWQCB Order R9-2007-0001, Provision D.1.d.(5)
- *Start at the Source*, Section 6.7: Details, Outdoor Work Areas
- *California Stormwater Industrial/Commercial Best Management Practice Handbook*
- *Urban Runoff Quality Management* (WEF/ASCE, 1998) Chapter 6: Source Controls

## Step 5: Stormwater Facility Maintenance

As required by Municipal Permit Provision D.1.c.(5), the Environmental Affairs Department will require submittal of proof of a mechanism under which ongoing long-term maintenance of stormwater treatment and flow-control facilities will be conducted. The Environmental Affairs Department may also require submittal of a detailed plan that sets forth a maintenance schedule for each of the treatment and flow-control facilities built on the site.

Details of these requirements, and instructions for preparing a detailed operation and maintenance plan, are in Chapter 5.

### References and Resources

- *Chapter 5*
- Operation, Maintenance, and Management of Stormwater Management Systems (Watershed Management Institute, 1997)

## Step 6: Complete the SUSMP Project Submittal

Environmental Affairs Department staff will provide specific instructions for the content and format of the SUSMP Project Submittal. The SUSMP Project Submittal should document the information gathered and decisions made in Steps 1-5. A clear, complete, well-organized Project Submittal will make it possible to confirm the design meets the minimum requirements of the Municipal Permit, the Authority's ordinances, and the Authority SUSMP.

### ► COORDINATION WITH SITE, ARCHITECTURAL, AND LANDSCAPING PLANS

Before completing the SUSMP Project Submittal, ensure the stormwater control design is fully coordinated with the site plan, grading plan, and landscaping plan being proposed for the site.

Information submitted and presentations to design review and/or planning committees and other decision-making bodies must incorporate relevant aspects of the stormwater design. In particular, ensure:

- Curb elevations, elevations, grade breaks, and other features of the drainage design are consistent with the delineation of DMAs.
- The top edge (overflow) of each bioretention facility is level all around its perimeter—this is particularly important in parking lot medians.
- The resulting grading and drainage design is consistent with the design for parking and circulation.

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- Bioretention facilities and other IMPs do not create conflicts with pedestrian access between parking and building entrances.
- Vaults and utility boxes can be accommodated outside bioretention facilities and will not be placed within bioretention facilities.
- The visual impact of stormwater facilities, including planter boxes at building foundations and any terracing or retaining walls required for the stormwater control design, is shown in renderings and other architectural drawings.
- Landscaping plans, including planting plans, show locations of bioretention facilities, and the plant requirements are consistent with the engineered soils and conditions in the bioretention facilities.
- Renderings and representation of street views incorporate any stormwater facilities located in street-side buffers and setbacks

► **CONSTRUCTION PLAN SUSMP CHECKLIST**

When construction plans are submitted for Environmental Affairs Department review and approval, Department staff will compare that submittal with the earlier SUSMP Project Submittal. Preparation and submittal of a Construction Plan SUSMP Checklist for the project, will facilitate comparisons and likely speed review of the project.

**TABLE 3-2. FORMAT FOR CONSTRUCTION PLAN SUSMP CHECKLIST.**

<i>SUSMP Page #</i>	<i>BMP Description</i>	<i>See Plan Sheet #s</i>

Here’s how:

1. Create a table similar to Table 3-2. Number and list each measure or BMP specified in the Project Submittal in Columns 1 and 2 of the table. Leave Column 3 blank. Incorporate the table into the Project Submittal.
2. When submitting construction plans, duplicate the table (by photocopy or electronically). Now fill in Column 3, identifying the plan sheets where the BMPs are shown. List all plan sheets on which the BMP appears. Submit the updated table with the construction plans.

Note that the updated table—or Construction Plan SUSMP Checklist—is **only a reference tool** to facilitate comparison of the construction plans to the Project Submittal. Environmental Affairs Department staff can advise applicants about the process required to propose changes to the approved Project Submittal.

► **CERTIFICATION**

The Authority requires that the Project Submittal be certified by an architect, landscape architect, or civil engineer licensed to practice in the State of California.

The certification should state: “The selection, sizing, and preliminary design of stormwater treatment and other control measures in this plan meet the requirements of Regional Water Quality Control Board Order R9-2007-0001 and subsequent amendments.”

► **SUSMP PROJECT SUBMITTAL OUTLINE AND CONTENTS**

The following outline and content list describes the information to present in a SUSMP Project Submittal. Check with Environmental Affairs Department staff regarding any requirements that may be specific to a particular project/project type/project site.

- I. Project Setting
  - A. Project Name, Location, Description
  - B. Existing site features and conditions
  - C. Opportunities and constraints for stormwater control
- II. Low Impact Development Design Strategies
  - A. Optimization of site layout
    - (1) Limitation of development envelope
    - (2) Preservation of natural drainage features
    - (3) Setbacks from creeks, wetlands, and riparian habitats
    - (4) Minimization of imperviousness
    - (5) Using drainage as a design element
  - B. Use of permeable pavements
  - C. Dispersal of runoff to pervious areas
  - D. Use of Integrated Management Practices
- III. Documentation of Drainage Design
  - A. Drainage Management Areas
    - (1) Tabulation
    - (2) Descriptions

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- B. Integrated Management Practices
    - (1) Tabulation and Sizing Calculations
    - (2) Descriptions
  - IV. Source Control Measures
    - A. Description of site activities and potential sources of pollutants
    - B. Table showing sources, permanent source controls, and operational source controls
  - V. Facility Maintenance Requirements
    - A. Ownership and responsibility for maintenance in perpetuity.
    - B. Summary of maintenance requirements for each stormwater facility.
  - VI. Construction Plan SUSMP Checklist
  - VII. Certifications
- Attachment: SUSMP Exhibit

### **► EXAMPLE PROJECT SUBMITTALS**

Example Project Submittals may be available from the Environmental Affairs Department. Any particular submittal will reflect the unique character of that particular project and should meet the requirements identified in the Authority SUSMP. Environmental Affairs Department staff can assist in determining how specific requirements apply to a project.



## Chapter 4 – LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT DESIGN GUIDE

This chapter provides guidance for designing and documenting the LID site drainage, stormwater treatment facilities, and flow-control facilities. Follow the Low Impact Development (LID) design in this *SUSMP* to achieve compliance with the stormwater treatment requirements as well as the LID requirements in the stormwater Municipal Permit. This will require careful documentation of:

- Pervious and impervious areas in the planned project.
- Drainage from each of these areas.
- Locations, sizes, and types of proposed treatment facilities.

The Project Submittal must include calculations showing the site drainage and proposed LID treatment facilities meet the criteria in this *SUSMP*.

This Low Impact Development Design Guide outlines how to:

- **Analyze the project** and identify and select options for implementing LID techniques to meet runoff treatment requirements—and flow-control requirements, if they apply.
- **Design and document drainage** for the whole site and document how that design meets this *SUSMP*'s stormwater treatment criteria.
- **Specify preliminary design details** and integrate the LID drainage design with the paving and landscaping design.

It is important to remember that not all LID techniques discussed in this chapter will be appropriate for projects at San Diego International Airport. Consult with Environmental Affairs Department staff first on any options being considering for the project. Alternatives to LID design are discussed in the final section of this chapter.

### Analyze the Project for LID

Conceptually, there are four LID strategies for managing runoff from buildings and paving:

1. **Optimize the site layout** by preserving natural drainage features and designing buildings and circulation to minimize the amount of roofs and paving.

2. **Use pervious surfaces** such as turf, gravel, or pervious pavement—or use surfaces that retain rainfall, such as vegetated roofs. All drainage from these surfaces is considered to be “self-retained” (a detailed definition corresponding to this concept is on page 47). No further management of runoff is necessary. An emergency overflow should be provided for extreme events.
3. **Disperse runoff** from impervious surfaces on to adjacent pervious surfaces (e.g., direct a roof downspout to disperse runoff onto a lawn).
4. Drain impervious surfaces to engineered **Integrated Management Practices** (IMPs), such as bioretention facilities, planter boxes, cisterns, or dry wells. IMPs infiltrate runoff to groundwater and/or percolate runoff through engineered soil and allow it to drain away slowly. Depending on site conditions and local regulations, it may be possible to harvest and reuse rainwater in conjunction with IMPs.

A combination of two or more strategies may work best for the project. With forethought in design, the four strategies can provide multiple, complementary benefits to the development. Pervious surfaces reduce heat island effects and temperature extremes. Landscaping improves air quality, creates a better place to live or work, and upgrades value for rental or sale. Retaining natural hydrology helps preserve and enhance the natural character of the area. LID drainage design can also conserve water and reduce the need for drainage infrastructure.

Table 4-1 includes ideas for applying LID strategies to site conditions and types of development.

► **OPTIMIZE THE SITE LAYOUT**

To minimize stormwater-related impacts, apply the following design principles to the layout of newly developed and redeveloped sites.

**Conserve natural areas, soils, and vegetation.** Define the development envelope and protected areas, identifying areas that are most suitable for development and areas that should be left undisturbed. Use the following guideline to determine the least sensitive areas of the site, in order of increasing sensitivity:

1. Areas devoid of vegetation, including previously graded areas and agricultural fields.
2. Areas of non-native vegetation, disturbed habitats and eucalyptus woodlands where receiving waters are not present.
3. Areas of chamise or mixed chaparral, and non-native grasslands.
4. Areas containing coastal scrub communities.
5. All other upland communities.
6. Occupied habitat of sensitive species and all wetlands (as defined by the Authority).

Within each category, hillside areas should be considered more sensitive than flatter areas.

**Table 4-1. IDEAS FOR RUNOFF MANAGEMENT**

<i>Site Features and Design Objectives</i>	<i>Vegetated Roof</i>	<i>Self-retaining Areas</i>	<i>Pervious Pavement</i>	<i>Bioretention Facility</i>	<i>Flow-through Planter</i>	<i>Dry Well</i>	<i>Cistern or vault with bioretention</i>
Clayey native soils	✓			✓	✓		✓
Permeable native soils	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Shallow groundwater	✓				✓		
Avoid saturating subsurface soils	✓		✓		✓		
Connect to roof downspouts		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Parking lots/islands and medians			✓	✓		✓	
Sites with extensive landscaping		✓	✓	✓			
Densely developed sites with limited space/landscape	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Fit IMPs into landscape and setback areas				✓			✓
Make drainage a design feature		✓		✓			✓
Convey as well as treat stormwater				✓			

Where possible, conform the site layout along natural landforms, avoid excessive grading and disturbance of vegetation and soils, and replicate the site’s natural drainage patterns. Set back development from creeks, wetlands, and riparian habitats. Preserve significant trees, especially native trees and shrubs, and identify locations for planting additional native or drought tolerant

trees and large shrubs. Concentrate development on portions of the site with less permeable soils, and preserve areas that can promote infiltration.

For all types of development, **limit overall coverage** of paving and roofs. Where allowed by local zoning and design standards—and provided public safety and a walkable environment are not compromised—this can be accomplished by designing compact, taller structures, narrower and shorter streets and sidewalks, smaller parking lots (fewer stalls, smaller stalls, and more efficient lanes), and indoor or underground parking. Examine site layout and circulation patterns and identify areas where landscaping can be substituted for pavement.

**Detain and retain runoff throughout the site.** On flatter sites, it typically works best to intersperse landscaped areas and IMPs among the buildings and paving. On hillside sites, drainage from upper areas may be collected in conventional catch basins and piped to landscaped areas and IMPs in lower areas.

**Use drainage as a design element.** Use depressed landscape areas, vegetated buffers, and bioretention areas as amenities and focal points within the site and landscape design. Bioretention areas can be almost any shape and should be located at low points. Bioretention areas shaped as swales can detain and treat low runoff flows and also convey higher flows.

► **USE PERVIOUS SURFACES**

**Consider a vegetated roof.** Although not yet widely used in California, vegetated or “green” roofs are growing in popularity. Potential benefits include longer roof life, lower heating and cooling costs, and better sound insulation, in addition to air quality and water quality benefits. For SUSMP compliance purposes, vegetated roofs are considered not to produce increased runoff or runoff pollutants (i.e., any runoff from a vegetated roof requires no further treatment or detention). For more information on vegetated roofs, see [www.greenroofs.org](http://www.greenroofs.org).

**Consider permeable pavements and surface treatments.** Inventory paved areas on the preliminary site plan. Identify where permeable pavements, such as crushed aggregate, turf block, unit pavers, pervious concrete, or pervious asphalt could be substituted for impervious concrete or asphalt paving.

► **DISPERSE RUNOFF TO ADJACENT PERVIOUS AREAS**

Look for opportunities to direct runoff from impervious areas to adjacent landscaping. The design, including slopes and soils, must reflect a reasonable expectation that an inch of rainfall will soak into the soil and produce no runoff. For example, a lawn or garden depressed 3-4" below surrounding walkways or driveways provides a simple but functional landscape design element.

For sites subject to stormwater treatment requirements only, a 2:1 maximum ratio of impervious to pervious area is acceptable. Be sure soils will drain adequately.

Under some circumstances, it may be allowable to direct runoff from impervious areas to pervious pavement (for example, from roof downspouts to a parking lot paved with crushed aggregate or turf block). The pore volume of pavement and base course must be sufficient to

retain an inch of rainfall, including runoff from the tributary area. The slopes and soils must be compatible with infiltrating that volume without producing runoff.

► **DIRECT RUNOFF TO INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

As mentioned at the beginning of this chapter, some IMPs will have limited applicability at the Airport due to the unique features of an airport environment. Consult with Environmental Affairs Department staff for appropriate options. The Copermittees have developed design criteria for the following IMPs:

- **Bioretention facilities**, which can be configured as swales, free-form areas, or planters to integrate with the landscape design.
- **Flow-through planters**, which can be used near building foundations and other locations where infiltration to native soils is not desired.
- **Dry wells** and other infiltration facilities, which can be used only where soils are permeable.
- **Cisterns or vaults**, in combination with a bioretention facility.

The design sheets are featured near the end of this chapter.

It may be possible to create a site-specific design that uses cisterns to achieve stormwater flow control, stormwater treatment, and rainwater reuse for irrigation or indoor uses (**water harvesting**). Such a design could expand the multiple benefits of LID to include water conservation. Keep in mind:

- Facilities must meet criteria for capturing and treating the volume specified by Equation 4-8 below. This volume must be allowed to empty within 24 hours so runoff from additional storms, which may follow, is also captured and treated. Additional volume may be required if the system also stores runoff for longer periods for reuse.
- Storage of water for longer than 48 hours creates the potential for mosquito harborage. Cisterns must be designed to prevent entry by mosquitoes.
- Indoor uses of non-potable water may be restricted or prohibited. Check with Environmental Affairs Department staff.

Some references and resources for water harvesting appear at the end of this chapter.

Finding the right location for treatment facilities on the site involves a careful and creative integration of several factors:

- To make the most efficient use of the site and to maximize aesthetic value, **integrate IMPs with site landscaping**. Many local zoning codes may require landscape setbacks or buffers, or may specify that a minimum portion of the site be landscaped.

It may be possible to locate some or all of the site's treatment and flow-control facilities within this same area, or within utility easements or other non-buildable areas.

- Planter boxes and bioretention areas must be **level or nearly level** all the way around. Bioretention areas configured as swales may be gently sloped in the linear direction, but opposite sides must be at the same elevation.
- For effective, low-maintenance operation, **locate facilities so drainage into and out of the device is by gravity flow.** Pumped systems are feasible, but are expensive, require more maintenance, are prone to untimely failure, and can cause mosquito control problems. Most IMPs require 3 feet or more of head.
- If the property is being subdivided now or in the future, the facility should be in a **common, accessible area.** Even if the facility will serve only one site owner or operator, make sure the facility is located for ready access by inspectors from the the Authority and local mosquito control agency.
- The facility must be accessible to equipment needed for its maintenance. **Access requirements for maintenance** will vary with the type of facility selected. Planter boxes and bioretention areas will typically need access for the same types of equipment used for landscape maintenance.

To complete the analysis, if required by the Authority, include in the SUSMP Project Submittal a brief **narrative** documenting the site layout and site design decisions that have been made. This will provide background and context for how the design meets the quantitative LID design criteria.

## Develop and Document the Drainage Design

The **design documentation procedure** begins with careful delineation of pervious areas and impervious areas (including roofs) throughout the site. The procedure accounts for how runoff from each delineated area is managed. For areas draining to IMPs, the procedure ensures each IMP is appropriately sized.

The procedure results in a space-efficient, cost-efficient LID design for meeting SUSMP requirements on most commercial/industrial developments. The procedure arranges documentation of drainage design and IMP sizing in a consistent format for presentation and review.

This procedure is intended to facilitate, not substitute for, creative interplay among site design, landscape design, and drainage design. **Several iterations may be needed** to optimize the drainage design as well as aesthetics, circulation, and use of available area for the site.

Complete the needed calculations using only the project's site development plan.

► **STEP 1: DELINEATE DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

This is the key first step: divide the **entire project area** into individual, discrete Drainage Management Areas (DMAs). Typically, lines delineating DMAs follow grade breaks and roof ridge lines. The Exhibit, tables, text, and calculations in the Project Submittal will illustrate, describe, and account for runoff from each of these areas.

Use separate DMAs for each surface type (e.g., landscaping, pervious paving, or roofs). Each DMA must be assigned a single hydrologic soil group. Assign each DMA an identification number and determine its size in square feet.

► **STEP 2: CLASSIFY DMAS AND DETERMINE RUNOFF FACTORS**

Next, determine how drainage from each DMA will be handled. Each DMA will be one of the following four types:

1. Self-treating areas.
2. Self-retaining areas (also called “zero-discharge” areas).
3. Areas that drain to self-retaining areas.
4. Areas that drain to IMPs.

**Self-treating areas** are landscaped or turf areas that do not drain to IMPs, but rather drain directly off site or to the storm drain system. Examples include upslope undeveloped areas which are ditched and drained around a development and grassed slopes which drain off-site to a street or storm drain. In general, self-treating areas include no impervious areas, unless the impervious area is very small (5% or less) in relationship to the receiving pervious area and slopes are gentle enough to ensure runoff will be absorbed into the vegetation and soil. Criteria for self-treating areas are in the design sheet “Self Treating and Self-Retaining Areas” at the end of this chapter.

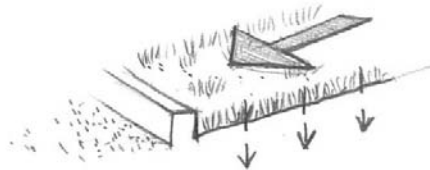


FIGURE4-1. Self-treating areas are entirely pervious and drain directly off-site or to the storm drain system.

**Self-retaining areas** are designed to retain the first one inch of rainfall without producing any runoff. The technique works best on flat, heavily landscaped sites. It may be used on mild slopes if there is a reasonable expectation that a one-inch rainfall event would produce no runoff.

To create self-retaining turf and landscape areas in flat areas or on terraced slopes, berm the area or depress the grade into a concave cross-section so that these areas will retain the first inch of rainfall. Specify slopes, if any, toward the center of the pervious area. Inlets of area drains, if any, should be set 3 inches above the low point to allow ponding.

Criteria for self-retaining areas are presented in the design sheet entitled “Self Treating and Self-Retaining Areas” found later in this chapter.

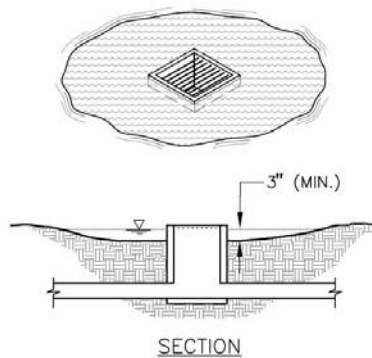


FIGURE 4-2. Self-retaining areas. Berm or depress the grade to retain at least an inch of rainfall and set inlets of any area drains at least 3 inches above low point to allow ponding.

**Areas draining to self-retaining areas.** Runoff from impervious or partially pervious areas can be managed by routing it to self-retaining pervious areas. For example, roof downspouts can be directed to lawns, and driveways can be sloped toward landscaped areas. The maximum ratio is 2 parts impervious area for every 1 part pervious area.

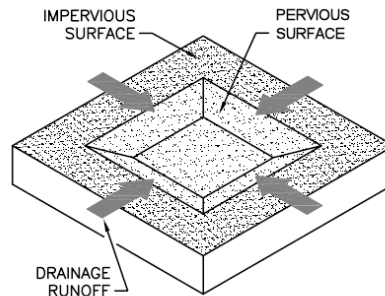


FIGURE 4-3. Relationship of impervious to pervious area for self-retaining areas. Ratio:  $pervious \geq \frac{1}{2} impervious$



The drainage from the impervious area must be directed to and dispersed within the pervious area, and the entire area must be designed to retain an inch of rainfall without flowing off-site. For example, if the maximum ratio of 2 parts impervious area into 1 part pervious area is used, then the pervious area must absorb 3 inches of water over its surface before overflowing to an off-site drain.

A partially pervious area may be drained to a self-retaining area. For example, a driveway composed of unit pavers may drain to an adjacent lawn. In this case, the maximum ratios are:

$$(\text{Runoff factor}) \times (\text{tributary area}) \leq 2 \times (\text{self-retaining area}) \quad \text{Equation 4-1}$$

Use the runoff factors in Table 4-2.

**TABLE 4-2. RUNOFF FACTORS FOR SURFACES DRAINING TO IMPS.**

Surface	Factor
Roofs	1.0
Concrete	1.0
Pervious Concrete	0.1
Porous Asphalt	0.1
Grouted Unit Pavers	1.0
Solid Unit Pavers on granular base, min. 3/16 inch joint space	0.2
Crushed Aggregate	0.1
Turfblock	0.1
Amended, mulched soil	0.1
Landscape	0.1

Prolonged ponding is a potential problem at higher impervious/pervious ratios. In the design, ensure that the pervious area soils can handle the additional run-on and are sufficiently drained.

Under some circumstances, pervious pavement (e.g., crushed stone, pervious asphalt, or pervious concrete) can be self-retaining. Adjacent roofs or impervious pavement may drain on to the pervious pavement in the same maximum ratios as described above.

To design a pervious pavement to be a self-treating area, ensure:

- The gravel base course is a minimum of four or more inches deep.
- The base course is not to be underdrained.
- A qualified engineer has been consulted regarding infiltration rates, pavement stability, and suitability for the intended traffic.

**Runoff from self-treating and self-retaining areas does not require any further treatment or flow control.**

**Areas draining to IMPs** are multiplied by a sizing factor to calculate the required size of the IMP. On most densely developed sites—such as commercial and mixed-use developments—most DMAs will drain to IMPs.

More than one drainage area can drain to the same IMP. However, because the minimum IMP sizes are determined by ratio to drainage area size, a drainage area may not drain to more than one IMP. See Figures 4-4 and 4-5.

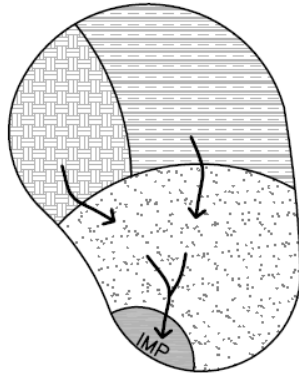


FIGURE 4-4. MORE THAN ONE  
Drainage Management Area can drain to a single  
IMP.

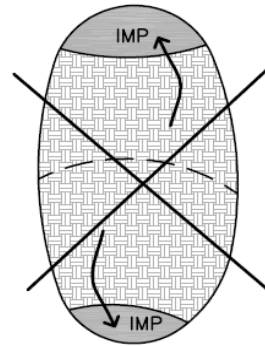


FIGURE 4-5. ONE DRAINAGE  
Management Area cannot drain to more than one IMP.  
Use a grade break to divide the DMA.

Where possible, design site drainage so **only impervious roofs and pavement** drain to IMPs. This yields a simpler, more efficient design and also helps protect IMPs from becoming clogged by sediment.

If it is necessary to include turf, landscaping, or pervious pavements within the area draining to an IMP, list each surface as a separate DMA. A runoff factor (similar to a “C” factor used in the rational method) is applied to account for the reduction in the quantity of runoff. For example, when a turf or landscaped drainage management area drains to an IMP, the resulting increment in IMP size is:

$$\Delta (\text{Area}) = (\text{pervious area}) \times (\text{runoff factor}) \times (\text{sizing factor}).$$

Use the runoff factors in Table 4-2.

► **STEP 3: TABULATE DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

- Tabulate self-treating areas in the format shown in Table 4-3.
- Tabulate self-retaining areas in the format shown in Table 4-4.
- Tabulate areas draining to self-retaining areas in the format shown in Table 4-5.  
Check to be sure the total product of (square feet of tributary area × runoff factor)

for all DMAs draining to a receiving self-retaining area is no greater than a 2:1 ratio to the square footage of the receiving self-retaining area itself.

- Compile a list of DMAs draining to IMPs. Proceed to Step 4 to check the sizing of the IMPs.

**TABLE 4-3. FORMAT FOR TABULATING SELF-TREATING AREAS**

<i>DMA Name</i>	<i>Area (square feet)</i>

**TABLE 4-4. FORMAT FOR TABULATING SELF-RETAINING AREAS**

<i>DMA Name</i>	<i>Area (square feet)</i>

**TABLE 4-5. FORMAT FOR TABULATING AREAS DRAINING TO SELF-RETAINING AREAS**

<i>DMA Name</i>	<i>Area (square feet)</i>	<i>Post-project surface type</i>	<i>Runoff factor</i>	<i>Receiving self-retaining DMA</i>	<i>Receiving self-retaining DMA Area (square feet)</i>

**► STEP 4: SELECT AND LAY OUT IMPS ON SITE PLAN**

As mentioned at the beginning of this chapter, some IMPs will have limited applicability at the Airport due to the unique features of an airport environment. Consult with Environmental Affairs Department staff for appropriate options from the list of IMPs in Table 6-6. Illustrations, designs, and design criteria for the IMPs are in the “IMP Design Details and Criteria” at the end of this chapter.

Once the IMPs have been laid out, calculate the square footage that has been set aside on the site plan for each IMP.

► **STEP 5: REVIEW SIZING FOR EACH IMP**

For each of the IMPs, use the appropriate sizing from Table 4-6.

**TABLE 4-6. IMP SIZING FACTORS**

Bioretention Facilities	Sizing Factor for Area = 0.04
Flow-through Planters	Sizing Factor for Area = 0.04
Dry Well or Infiltration Basin	See Step 6 to Calculate Min. Volume
Cistern or Vault with Bioretention	See Step 6 to Calculate Min. Volume of Cistern; then use 0.04 to calculate minimum size of bioretention area

► **STEP 6: CALCULATE MINIMUM AREA AND VOLUME OF EACH IMP**

The minimum area of bioretention facilities and flow-through planters is found by summing up the contributions of each tributary DMA and multiplying by the adjusted sizing factor for the IMP.

*Equation 4-7*

$$Min. IMP Area = \sum \left( \begin{matrix} DMA & DMA \\ Square & \times Runoff \\ Footage & Factor \end{matrix} \right) \times \left( \begin{matrix} IMP \\ Sizing \\ Factor \end{matrix} \right)$$

Use the format of Table 4-7 to present the calculations of the required minimum area and volumes for **bioretention areas** and **planter boxes**:

**Table 4-7. FORMAT FOR PRESENTING CALCULATIONS OF MINIMUM IMP AREAS FOR BIORETENTION AREAS AND PLANTER BOXES.**

DMA Name	DMA Area (square feet)	Post-project surface type	DMA Runoff factor	DMA Area × runoff factor	IMP Name		
					Type:		
					IMP Sizing factor	Minimum Area	Proposed Area
<b>Total</b>					<b>0.04</b>		<b>IMP Area</b>

To size **dry wells, infiltration basins, or infiltration trenches**, use the following procedure:

1. Use the County of San Diego's 85th Percentile Isopluvial Map to determine the minimum unit volume.
2. Determine the weighted runoff factor ("C" factor) for the area tributary to the facility. The factors in Table 4-2 may be used.
3. Multiply the weighted runoff factor times the tributary area times the minimum unit volume.

*Equation 4-8*

$$\text{Volume} = [\text{Tributary Area}] \times [\text{weighted runoff factor}] \times [\text{unit volume}]$$

4. Select a facility depth.
5. Determine the required facility area. Dry wells may be designed as an open vault or with rock fill. If rock fill is used, assume a porosity of 40%.
6. Ensure the facility can infiltrate the entire volume within 72 hours.

To size a **cistern or vault in series with a bioretention facility**:

1. Use Equation 4-8 to calculate the required cistern volume.
2. Design a discharge orifice for a drawdown time of 24 hours.
3. Determine the maximum discharge from the orifice.
4. The minimum area of the bioretention facility must treat this flow based on a percolation rate of 5" per hour through the engineered soil.

► **STEP 7: DETERMINE IF AVAILABLE SPACE FOR IMP IS ADEQUATE**

Sizing and configuring IMPs may be an iterative process. After computing the minimum IMP area using Steps 1 – 6, review the site plan to determine if the reserved IMP area is sufficient. If so, the planned IMPs will meet the SUSMP sizing requirements. If not, revise the plan accordingly. Revisions may include:

- Reducing the overall imperviousness of the project site.
- Changing the grading and drainage to redirect some runoff toward other IMPs which may have excess capacity.
- Making tributary landscaped DMAs self-treating or self-retaining.
- Expanding IMP surface area.

**► STEP 8: COMPLETE THE SUMMARY REPORT**

Present the IMP sizing calculations in tabular form, by adapting the format of Table 4-8, as appropriate. Coordinate the presentation of DMAs and calculation of minimum IMP sizes with the Project Submittal drawing (labeled to show delineation of DMAs and locations of IMPs). It is also helpful to incorporate a brief description of each DMA and each IMP.

Sum the total area of all DMAs and IMPs listed to prove is equal to the total project area. This step may include adjusting the square footage of some DMAs to account for area used for IMPs.

**Table 4-8. FORMAT FOR PRESENTING SUMMARY CALCULATIONS OF IMP AREAS.**

Project Name:

Project Location:

APN or Subdivision Number:

Total Project Area (square feet):

Mean Annual Precipitation at Project Site:

I. Self-treating areas:

<i>DMA Name</i>	<i>Area (square feet)</i>

II. Self-retaining areas:

<i>DMA Name</i>	<i>Area (square feet)</i>

III. Areas draining to self-retaining areas:

<i>DMA Name</i>	<i>Post-project surface type</i>	<i>Runoff factor</i>	<i>Area (square feet)</i>	<i>Receiving self-retaining DMA</i>	<i>Receiving self-retaining DMA Area (square feet)</i>

IV. Areas draining to IMPs (repeat for each IMP):

<i>DMA Name</i>	<i>DMA Area (square feet)</i>	<i>Post-project surface type</i>	<i>DMA Runoff factor</i>	<i>DMA Area × runoff factor</i>	<i>Soil Type:</i>	<i>IMP Name</i>
					<i>IMP Sizing factor</i>	<i>Minimum Area or Volume</i>
					<i>Proposed Area or Volume</i>	<i>Proposed Area or Volume</i>
<b><i>Total</i></b>						<b><i>IMP Area</i></b>

## Specify Preliminary Design Details

In the SUSMP Project Submittal, describe the IMPs in sufficient detail to demonstrate the area, volume, and other criteria of each can be met within the constraints of the site. As mentioned at the beginning of this chapter, some IMPs will have limited applicability at the Airport due to the unique features of an airport environment. Consult with Environmental Affairs Department staff for appropriate options.

Ensure these details are consistent with preliminary site plans, landscaping plans, and architectural plans submitted with the application for planning and zoning approvals.

Following are design sheets for:

- Self-treating and self-retaining areas
- Pervious pavements
- Bioretention facilities
- Flow-through planter
- Dry wells and infiltration basins
- Cistern with bioretention facility

These design sheets include recommended configurations and details, and example applications, for these IMPs. **The information in these design sheets must be adapted and applied to the conditions specific to the development project such as unstable slopes or the lack of available head. Not all IMPs are applicable to every project. Environmental Affairs Department staff have final review and approval authority over the project design.**

Proper functional design of the IMP is the responsibility of the applicant. Effective operation of the IMP throughout the project's lifetime will be the responsibility of the property owner.

## Alternatives to Integrated LID Design

If the design of features and facilities described above is infeasible for the development site, consult with Environmental Affairs Department staff before preparing an alternative design for stormwater treatment and LID compliance.

For all alternative designs, the applicant must prepare a complete Project Submittal, including a drawing showing the entire site divided into discrete Drainage Management Areas, text and tables showing how drainage is routed from each DMA to a treatment facility, and calculations demonstrating the design achieves the applicable design criteria for each stormwater treatment facility. Alternative treatment facilities are limited to the circumstances and selection criteria identified in Chapter 2.

► **DESIGN OF ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT FACILITIES**

Here are criteria and design considerations for some alternative treatment facilities:

**Sand Filters.** To ensure effectiveness is not compromised by compacting or clogging of the filter surface, sand filters must be maintained frequently.

The following criteria apply to sand filters:

- Calculate the design flow using the rational method with an intensity of 0.2"/hour and the “C” factors for “treatment only” from Table 4-2.
- To determine the required filter surface area, divide the design flow by an allowable design surface loading rate of 5"/hour.
- The minimum depth of filter media is 18". The media should be washed sand, with gradation similar to that specified for fine aggregate in ASTM C-33.
- The entire filter area must be accessible for easy maintenance without the need to enter a confined space.

A typical filter design includes a gravel drain layer and a perforated pipe underdrain. Filter fabric may be used to prevent the filter media from entering the gravel layer.

The design should not include any permanent pool or other standing water. Instead of including a pretreatment basin, consider the following features in the area tributary to the filter to reduce the potential for filter clogging:

- Limit the size of the Drainage Management Area.
- Include only impervious areas in the DMA.
- Stabilize slopes and eliminate sources of sediment in the DMA.
- Provide screens for trash and leaves at storm drain inlets (if allowed by the Environmental Affairs Department).

For additional design considerations and details, see *Design of Stormwater Filtering Systems* by Richard A. Claytor and Thomas R. Schueler, The Center for Watershed Protection, 1996, and *California Stormwater BMP Handbooks* Fact Sheet TC-40, Media Filter.

**Extended ( “Dry”) Detention Basins.** The required detention volume is based on the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile 24-hour storm depth. The steps to calculate the required detention volume are:

1. Use the County of San Diego's 85th Percentile Isopluvial Map to determine the unit basin volume.
2. Determine the weighted runoff factor (“C” factor) for the area tributary to the basin. The factors in Table 4-2 may be used.



3. Multiply the weighted runoff factor times the tributary area times the unit basin volume.

For maximum effectiveness the basin should not be sized substantially larger than this volume.

For design considerations and details, see the *California Stormwater Best Management Practice Handbooks*, Fact Sheet TC-22, “Extended Detention Basins.” The basin outlet should be designed for a 24-hour drawdown time.

As noted in Fact Sheet TC-22, “dry” detention basins may not be practicable for drainage areas less than 5 acres. The potential for mosquito harborage is a concern. In the design, do not create any areas that will hold standing water for time periods in excess of the maximum vector control detention time (96 hours for the County of San Diego).

**“Wet” Detention Ponds and Constructed Wetlands.** The required detention volume is determined as with a “dry” detention basin. Before proceeding with design, contact the local mosquito control agency to coordinate the design and plan ongoing inspection and maintenance of the facility for mosquito control. For design considerations and details, see the *California Stormwater Best Management Practices Handbooks*, Fact Sheet TC-20, “Wet Ponds,” and Fact Sheet TC-21, “Constructed Wetlands.”

**Vegetated Swales.** Design recommendations for conventional vegetated swales are in the *California Stormwater Best Management Practices Handbooks*. The conventional swale design uses available on-site soils and does not include an underdrain system. Where soils are clayey, there is little infiltration. Treatment occurs as runoff flows through grass or other vegetation before exiting at the downstream end. Recommended detention times are on the order of 10 minutes.

Conventional vegetated swales may be used to meet Municipal Permit treatment requirements and LID requirements. The following should be incorporated in the design:

- Determine the weighted runoff factor (“C” factor) for the area tributary to the swale. The factors in Table 4-2 may be used.
- Calculate the design flow by multiplying the weighted runoff factor times the tributary area times either (1) 0.2 inches of rainfall per hour, or (2) twice the 85th percentile hourly rainfall intensity.
- When sizing the swale, use a value of 0.25 for Manning’s “n”.
- Ensure that all flow enters the swale near its highest point and that no flow short-circuits treatment by entering the swale along its length.
- The swale should be a minimum 100 feet in length.
- Longitudinal slopes should not exceed 2.5%; on flatter slopes, incorporate measures to avoid prolonged surface ponding.

Consider using linear-shaped bioretention areas in place of conventional vegetated swales because:

- Conventional swale design has resulted in standing water and associated nuisances.
- Conventional swales often don't obtain even the design residence time because of the length required and because proper design requires runoff enter the swale at the upstream end rather than at various locations along its length, and
- Bioretention areas provide a more flexible drainage design, more effective practicable treatment, and more effective flow control within the same footprint.

### ► TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Higher-rate surface filters and vault-based proprietary filters can only be used in the circumstances described in Chapter 2 and when sand filters, extended “dry” detention basins, and “wet” detention ponds or constructed wetlands have been found infeasible.

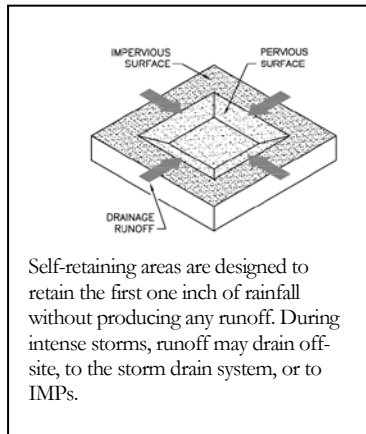
For surface filters, the grading and drainage design should minimize the area draining to each unit and maximize the number of discrete drainage areas and units. Proprietary facilities should be installed consistent with the manufacturer's instructions.

### References and Resources:

- RWQCB Order R9-2007-0001 (Stormwater Municipal Permit)
- Low Impact Development Center
- County of San Diego Low Impact Development Handbook
- California Best Management Practices Handbooks
- Design of Stormwater Filtering Systems (Claytor and Scheuler, 1996)
- American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association
- Water Conservation Alliance of Southern Arizona
- Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond
- The Texas Manual on Rainwater Harvesting
- Managing Wet Weather With Green Infrastructure: Municipal Handbook, Rainwater Harvesting Policies (Low Impact Development Center, 2008)

## Self-Treating and Self-Retaining Areas

### ► CRITERIA



LID design seeks to manage runoff from roofs and paving so effects on water quality and hydrology are minimized. Runoff from landscaping, however, does not need to be managed the same way.

Runoff from landscaping can be managed by creating self-treating and self-retaining areas.

**Self-treating areas** are natural, landscaped, or turf areas that drain directly off site or to the storm drain system. Examples include upslope undeveloped areas that are ditched and drained around a development and grassed slopes that drain offsite to a street or storm drain. Self-treating areas may not drain on to adjacent paved areas.

Where a landscaped area is upslope from or surrounded by paved areas, a **self-retaining area** (also called a zero-discharge area) may be created. Self-retaining areas are designed to retain the first one inch of rainfall without producing any runoff. The technique works best on flat, heavily landscaped sites. It may be used on mild slopes if there is a reasonable expectation that the first inch of rainfall would produce no runoff.

To create self-retaining turf and landscape areas in flat areas or on terraced slopes, berm the area or depress the grade into a concave cross-section so that these areas will retain the first inch of rainfall. Inlets of area drains, if any, should be set 3 inches above the low point to allow ponding.

**Areas draining to self retaining areas.** Drainage from roofs and paving can be directed to self-retaining areas and allowed to infiltrate into the soil. The maximum allowable ratio is 2 parts impervious: 1 part pervious.

The self-retaining area must be bermed or depressed to retain an inch of rainfall including the flow from the tributary impervious area.

### Best Uses

- Heavily landscaped sites

### Advantages

- No maintenance verification requirement
- Complements site landscaping

### Limitations

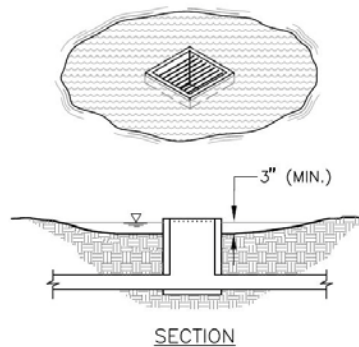
- Requires substantial square footage
- Grading requirements must be coordinated with landscape design

► **DETAILS**

Drainage from self-treating areas must flow to off-site streets or storm drains without flowing on to paved areas.

Pavement within a self-treating area cannot exceed 5% of the total area.

In self-retaining areas, overflows and area drain inlets should be set high enough to ensure ponding over the entire surface of the self-retaining area.



Set overflows and area drain inlets high enough to ensure ponding (3" deep) over the surface of the self-retaining area.

Self-retaining areas should be designed to promote even distribution of ponded runoff over the area.

Leave enough reveal (from pavement down to landscaped surface) to accommodate buildup of turf or mulch.

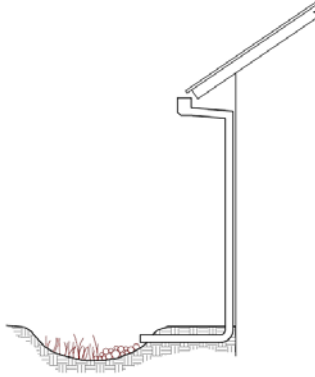
► **APPLICATIONS**

Lawn or landscaped areas adjacent to streets can be considered self-treating areas.

Self-retaining areas can be created by depressing lawn and landscape below surrounding sidewalks and plazas.

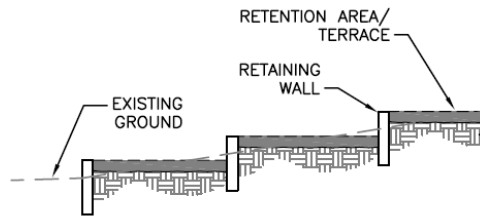
Runoff from walkways or driveways in parks and park-like areas can sheet-flow to self-retaining areas.

Roof leaders can be connected to self-retaining areas by piping beneath plazas and walkways. If necessary, a “bubble-up” can be used.



Connecting a roof leader to a self-retaining area. The head from the cave height makes it possible to route roof drainage some distance away from the building.

Self-retaining areas can be created by terracing mild slopes. The elevation difference promotes subsurface drainage.



Mild slopes can be terraced to create self-retaining areas.

► **DESIGN CHECKLIST FOR SELF-TREATING AREAS**

- The self-treating area is at least 95% lawn or landscaping (not more than 5% impervious).
- Re-graded or re-landscaped areas have amended soils, vegetation, and irrigation as may be required to maintain soil stability and permeability.
- Runoff from the self-treating area does not enter an IMP or another drainage management area, but goes directly to the storm drain system.

► **DESIGN CHECKLIST FOR SELF-RETAINING AREAS**

- Area is bermed all the way around or graded concave.
- Slopes do not exceed 4%.
- Entire area is lawn, landscaping, or pervious pavement (see criteria in Chapter 4).
- Area has amended soils, vegetation, and irrigation as may be required to maintain soil stability and permeability.
- Any area drain inlets are at least 3 inches above surrounding grade.

► **DESIGN CHECKLIST FOR AREAS DRAINING TO SELF-RETAINING AREAS**

- Ratio of tributary impervious area to self-retaining area is not greater than 2:1.
- Roof leaders collect runoff and route it to the self-retaining area.
- Paved areas are sloped so drainage is routed to the self-retaining area.
- Inlets are designed to protect against erosion and distribute runoff across the area.

## Pervious Pavements

### ► CRITERIA

Impervious roadways, driveways, and parking lots account for much of the hydrologic impact of land development. In contrast, pervious pavements allow rainfall to collect in a gravel or sand base course and infiltrate into native soil.

Pervious pavements are designed to transmit rainfall through the surface to storage in a base course. For example, a 4-inch-deep base course provides approximately 1.6 inches of storage. Runoff stored in the base course infiltrates to native soils over time. Except in the case of solid pavers, the surface course provides additional storage.

Areas with the following pervious pavements may be regarded as “self-treating” and require no additional treatment or flow control if they drain off-site (not to an IMP).

- Pervious concrete
- Porous asphalt
- Crushed aggregate (gravel)
- Open pavers with grass or plantings
- Open pavers with gravel
- Artificial turf

Areas with these pervious pavements can also be **self-retaining areas** and may receive runoff from impervious areas if they are bermed or depressed to retain the first one inch of rainfall, including runoff from the tributary impervious area.

Solid unit pavers—such as bricks, stone blocks, or precast concrete shapes—are considered to reduce runoff compared to impervious pavement, when the unit pavers are set in sand or gravel with gaps between the pavers. Joints must be filled with an open-graded aggregate free of fines.

When draining pervious pavements to an IMP, use the runoff factors in Table 4-2.

### Best Uses

- Areas with permeable native soils
- Low-traffic areas
- Where aesthetic quality can justify higher cost

### Advantages

- No maintenance verification requirement
- Variety of surface treatments can complement landscape design

### Limitations

- Initial cost
- Placement requires specially trained crews
- Geotechnical concerns, especially in clay soils
- Concerns about pavement strength and surface integrity
- Some municipalities do not allow in public right of way

### ► DETAILS

Permeable pavements can be used in clay soils; however, special design considerations, including an increased depth of base course, typically apply and will increase the cost of this option. Geotechnical fabric between the base course and underlying clay soil is recommended.

Pavement strength and durability typically determines the required depth of base course. If underdrains are used, the outlet elevation must be a minimum of 3 inches above the bottom elevation of the base course.

Pervious concrete and porous asphalt must be installed by crews with special training and tools. Industry associations maintain lists of qualified contractors.

Parking lots with crushed aggregate or unit pavers may require signs or bollards to organize parking.

### ► DESIGN CHECKLIST FOR PERVIOUS PAVEMENTS

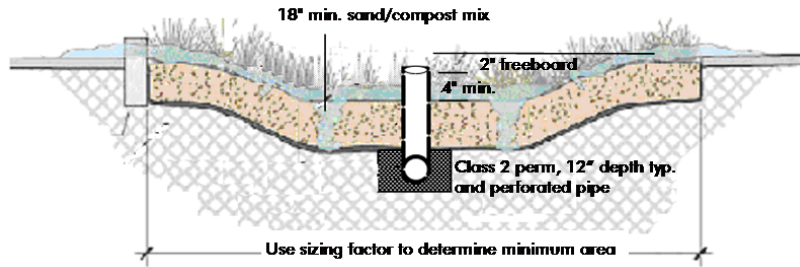
- No erodible areas drain on to pavement.
- Subgrade is uniform. Compaction is minimal.
- Reservoir base course is of open-graded crushed stone. Base depth is adequate to retain rainfall and support design loads.
- If a subdrain is provided, outlet elevation is a minimum of 3 inches above bottom of base course.
- Subgrade is uniform and slopes are not so steep that subgrade is prone to erosion.
- Rigid edge is provided to retain granular pavements and unit pavers.
- Solid unit pavers are installed with open gaps filled with open-graded aggregate free of fines.
- Permeable pavements are installed by industry-certified professionals according to vendor's recommendations.
- Selection and location of pavements incorporates Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, site aesthetics, and uses.

### Resources

- Southern California Concrete Producers [www.concreteresources.net](http://www.concreteresources.net).
- California Asphalt Pavement Association  
<http://www.californiapavements.org/stormwater.html>
- Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute  
<http://www.icpi.org/>
- *Start at the Source Design Manual for Water Quality Protection*, pp. 47-53. [www.basmaa.org](http://www.basmaa.org)
- *Porous Pavements*, by Bruce K. Ferguson. 2005. ISBN 0-8493-2670-2.



## Bioretention Facilities



Bioretention facility configured for treatment-only requirements. Bioretention facilities can be rectangular, linear, or nearly any shape.

Bioretention detains runoff in a surface reservoir, filters it through plant roots and a biologically active soil mix, and then infiltrates it into the ground. Where native soils are less permeable, an underdrain conveys treated runoff to storm drain or surface drainage.

Bioretention facilities can be configured in nearly any shape. When configured as linear **swales**, they can convey high flows while percolating and treating lower flows.

Bioretention facilities can be configured as in-ground or above-ground planter boxes, with the bottom open to allow infiltration to native soils underneath. If infiltration cannot be allowed, use the sizing factors and criteria for the Flow-Through Planter.

### ► CRITERIA

For development projects subject only to runoff treatment requirements, the following criteria apply:

Parameter	Criterion
Soil mix depth	18 inches minimum
Soil mix minimum percolation rate	5 inches per hour minimum sustained (10 inches per hour initial rate recommended)
Soil mix surface area	0.04 times tributary impervious area (or equivalent)

### Best Uses

- Commercial areas
- Residential subdivisions
- Industrial developments
- Roadways
- Parking lots
- Fit in setbacks, medians, and other landscaped areas

### Advantages

- Can be any shape
- Low maintenance
- Can be landscaped

### Limitations

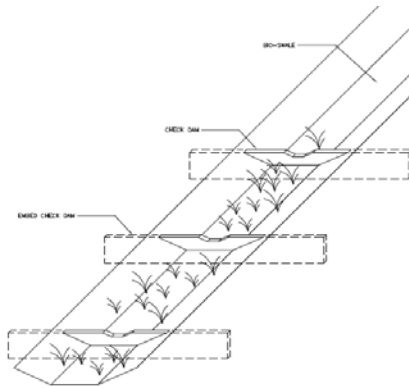
- Require 4% of tributary impervious square footage
- Typically requires 3-4 feet of head
- Irrigation typically required

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Parameter	Criterion
Surface reservoir depth	6 inches minimum; may be sloped to 4 inches where adjoining walkways.
Underdrain	Required in Group “C” and “D” soils. Perforated pipe embedded in gravel (“Class 2 permeable” recommended), connected to storm drain or other accepted discharge point.

### ► DETAILS

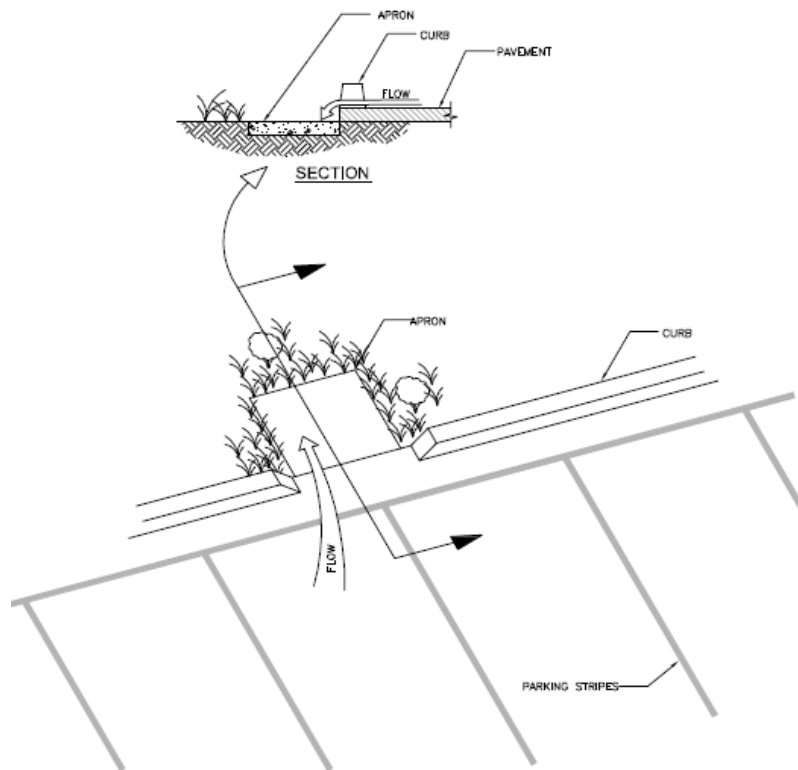
**Plan.** On the surface, a bioretention facility should be one level, shallow basin—or a series of basins. As runoff enters each basin, it should flood and fill throughout before runoff overflows to the outlet or to the next downstream basin. This will help prevent movement of surface mulch and soil mix.



Use check dams for linear bioretention facilities (swales) on a slope.

In a linear swale, check dams should be placed so that the lip of each dam is at least as high as the toe of the next upstream dam. A similar principle applies to bioretention facilities built as terraced roadway shoulders.

**Inlets.** Paved areas draining to the facility should be graded, and inlets should be placed, so that runoff remains as sheet flow or as dispersed as possible. Curb cuts should be wide (12" is recommended) to avoid clogging with leaves or debris. Allow for a minimum reveal of 4"-6" between the inlet and soil mix elevations to ensure turf or mulch buildup does not block the inlet. In addition, place an apron of stone or concrete, a foot square or larger, inside each inlet to prevent vegetation from growing up and blocking the inlet.



Recommended design details for bioretention facility inlets (see text).

Where runoff is collected in pipes or gutters and conveyed to the facility, protect the landscaping from high-velocity flows with energy-dissipating rocks. In larger installations, provide cobble-lined channels to better distribute flows throughout the facility.

Upturned pipe outlets can be used to dissipate energy when runoff is piped from roofs and upgradient paved areas.

**Soil mix.** The required soil mix is similar to a loamy sand. It must maintain a minimum percolation rate of 5" per hour throughout the life of the facility, and it must be suitable for maintaining plant life. Typically, on-site soils will not be suitable due to clay content.

**Storage and drainage layer.** "Class 2 permeable," Caltrans specification 68-1.025, is recommended. Open-graded crushed rock, washed, may be used, but requires 4"-6" washed pea gravel be substituted at the top of the crushed rock gravel layers. **Do not use filter fabric** to separate the soil mix from the gravel drainage layer or the gravel drainage layer from the native soil.

**Underdrains.** No underdrain is required where native soils beneath the facility are Hydrologic Soil Group A or B. For treatment-only facilities where native soils are Group C or D, a perforated pipe must be bedded in the gravel layer and must terminate at a storm drain or other approved discharge point.

**Outlets.** In treatment-only facilities, outlets must be set high enough to ensure the surface reservoir fills and the entire surface area of soil mix is flooded before the outlet elevation is reached. In swales, this can be achieved with appropriately placed check dams.

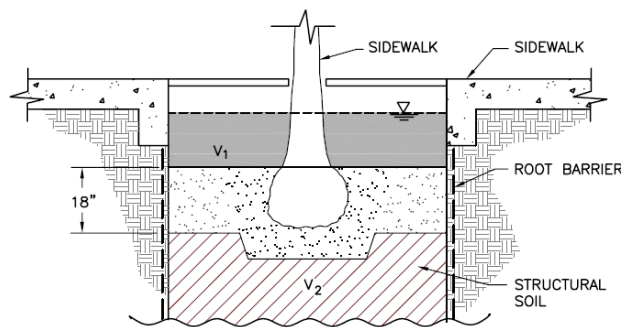
The outlet should be designed to exclude floating mulch and debris.

**Vaults, utility boxes and light standards.** It is best to locate utilities outside the bioretention facility—in adjacent walkways or in a separate area set aside for this purpose. If utility structures are to be placed within the facility, the locations should be anticipated and adjustments made to ensure the minimum bioretention surface area and volumes are achieved. Leaving the final locations to each individual utility can produce a haphazard, unaesthetic appearance and make the bioretention facility more difficult to maintain.

**Emergency overflow.** The site grading plan should anticipate extreme events and potential clogging of the overflow and route emergency overflows safely.

**Trees.** Bioretention areas can accommodate small or large trees. There is no need to subtract the area taken up by roots from the effective area of the facility. Extensive tree roots maintain soil permeability and help retain runoff. Normal maintenance of a bioretention facility should not affect tree lifespan.

The bioretention facility can be integrated with a tree pit of the required depth and filled with structural soil. If a root barrier is used, it can be located to allow tree roots to spread throughout the bioretention facility while protecting adjacent pavement. Locations and planting elevations should be selected to avoid blocking the facility's inlets and outlets.



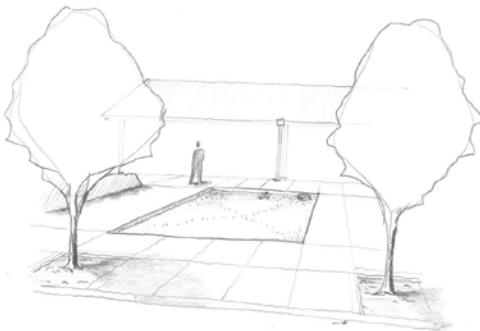
Bioretention facility configured as a tree well.  
The root barrier is optional.

► **APPLICATIONS**

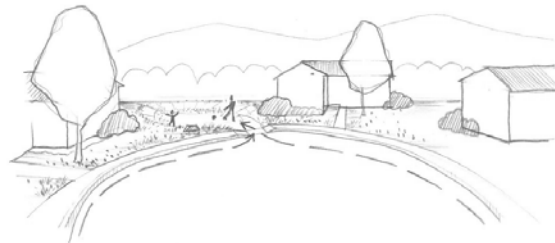
**Multi-purpose landscaped areas.** Bioretention facilities are easily adapted to serve multiple purposes. The loamy sand soil mix will support turf or a plant palette suitable to the location and a well-drained soil.

Example landscape treatments:

- Lawn with sloped transition to adjacent landscaping.
- Swale in setback area
- Swale in parking median
- Lawn with hardscaped edge treatment
- Decorative garden with formal or informal plantings
- Traffic island with low-maintenance landscaping
- Raised planter with seating
- Bioretention on a terraced slope



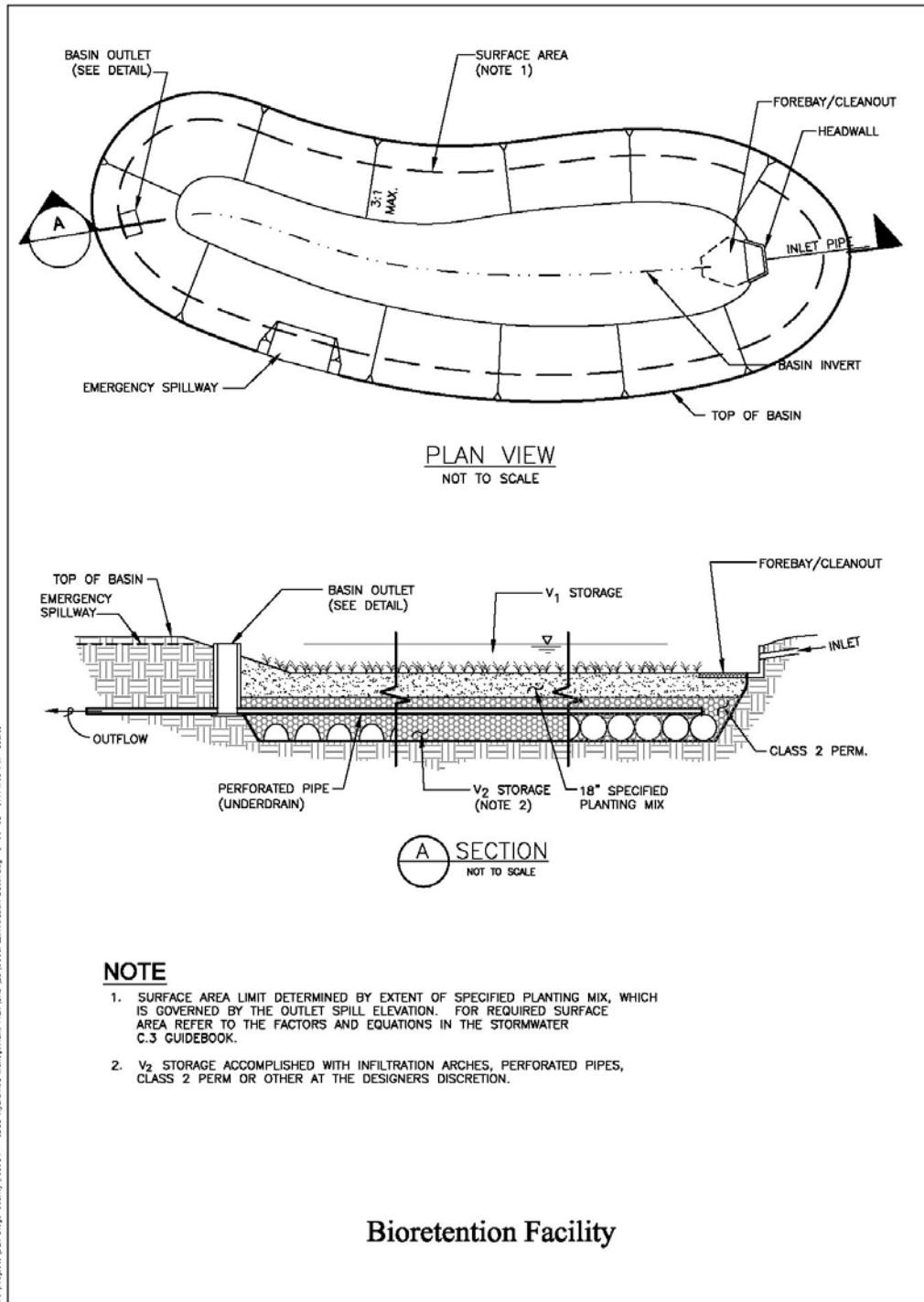
Bioretention facility configured as a recessed decorative lawn with hardscaped edge.



Bioretention facility configured and planted as a lawn/ play area.

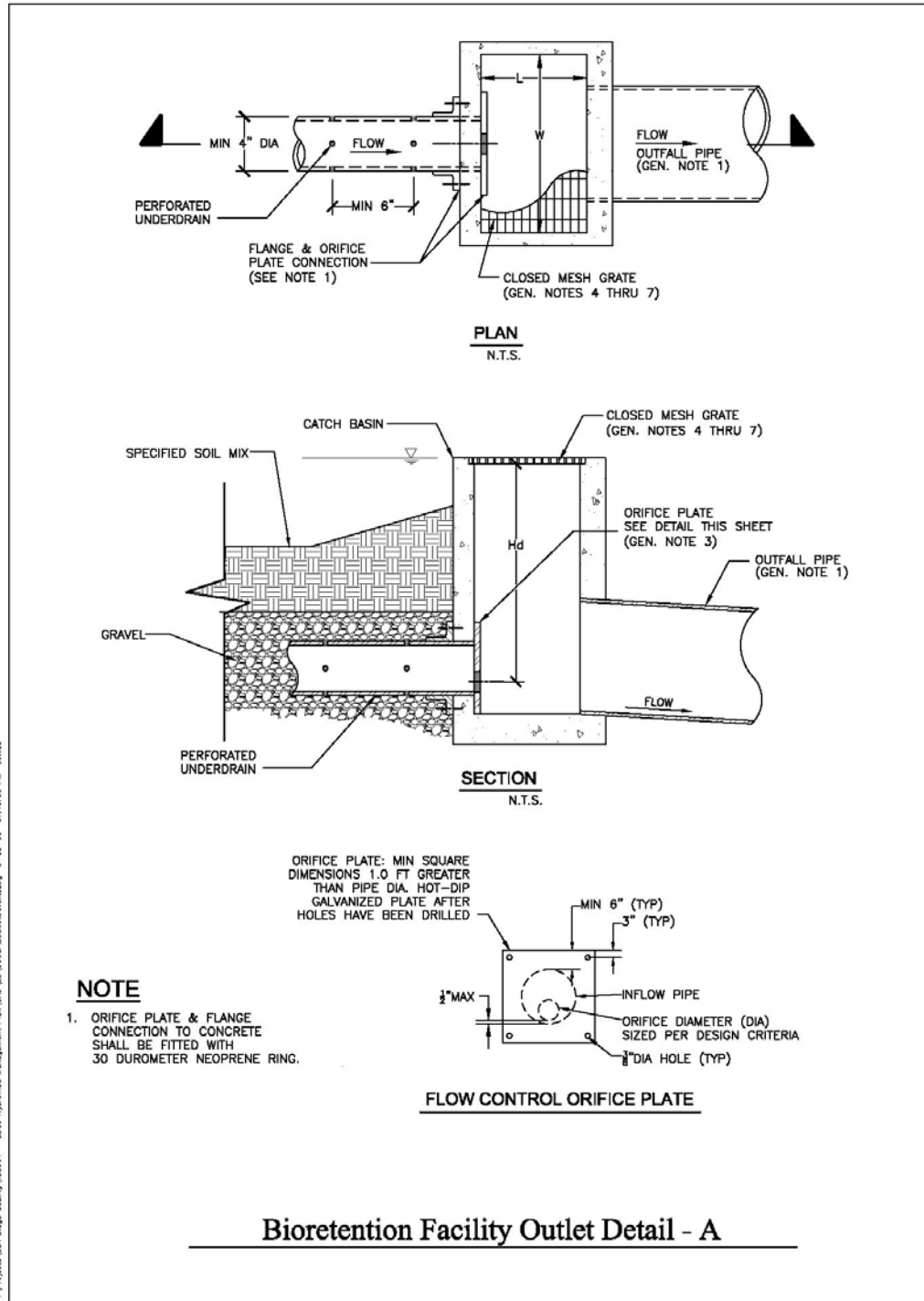
**Design Checklist for Bioretention**

- Volume or depth of surface reservoir meets or exceeds minimum.
- 18" depth "loamy sand" soil mix with minimum long-term percolation rate of 5"/hour.
- Area of soil mix meets or exceeds minimum.
- Perforated pipe underdrain bedded in "Class 2 perm" with connection and sufficient head to storm drain or discharge point (except in "A" or "B" soils).
- No filter fabric.
- Underdrain has a clean-out port consisting of a vertical, rigid, non-perforated PVC pipe, with a minimum diameter of 6 inches and a watertight cap.
- Location and footprint of facility are shown on site plan and landscaping plan.
- Bioretention area is designed as a basin (level edges) or a series of basins, and grading plan is consistent with these elevations. If facility is designed as a swale, check dams are set so the lip of each dam is at least as high as the toe of the next upstream dam.
- Inlets are 12" wide, have 4"-6" reveal and an apron or other provision to prevent blockage when vegetation grows in, and energy dissipation as needed.
- Overflow connected to a downstream storm drain or approved discharge point.
- Emergency spillage will be safely conveyed overland.
- Plantings are suitable to the climate and a well-drained soil.
- Irrigation system with connection to water supply.
- Vaults, utility boxes, and light standards are located outside the minimum soil mix surface area.
- When excavating, avoid smearing of the soils on bottom and side slopes. Minimize compaction of native soils and "rip" soils if clayey and/or compacted. Protect the area from construction site runoff.



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## Flow-through Planter



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Flow-through planters treat and detain runoff without allowing seepage into the underlying soil. They can be used next to buildings and on slopes where stability might be affected by adding soil moisture.

Flow-through planters typically receive runoff via downspouts leading from the roofs of adjacent buildings. However, they can also be set in-ground and receive sheet flow from adjacent paved areas.

Pollutants are removed as runoff passes through the soil layer and is collected in an underlying layer of gravel or drain rock. A perforated-pipe underdrain is typically connected to a storm drain or other discharge point. An overflow inlet conveys flows which exceed the capacity of the planter.

### ► CRITERIA

**Treatment only.** For development projects subject only to runoff treatment requirements, the following criteria apply:

Parameter	Criterion
Soil mix depth	18 inches minimum
Soil mix minimum percolation rate	5 inches per hour minimum sustained (10 inches per hour initial rate recommended)

### Best Uses

- Management of roof runoff
- Next to buildings
- Dense urban areas
- Where infiltration is not desired

### Advantages

- Can be used next to structures
- Versatile
- Can be any shape
- Low maintenance

### Limitations

- Can be used for flow-control only on sites with “C” and “D” soils
- Requires underdrain
- Requires 3-4 feet of head

Parameter	Criterion
Soil mix surface area	0.04 times tributary impervious area (or equivalent)
Surface reservoir depth	6" minimum; may be sloped to 4" where adjoining walkways.
Underdrain	Typically used. Perforated pipe embedded in gravel ("Class 2 permeable" recommended), connected to storm drain or other accepted discharge point.

► **DETAILS**

**Configuration.** The planter must be level. To avoid standing water in the subsurface layer, set the perforated pipe underdrain and orifice as nearly flush with the planter bottom as possible.

**Inlets.** Protect plantings from high-velocity flows by adding rocks or other energy-dissipating structures at downspouts and other inlets.

**Soil mix.** The required soil mix is similar to a loamy sand. It must maintain a minimum percolation rate of 5" per hour throughout the life of the facility, and it must be suitable for maintaining plant life. Typically, on-site soils will not be suitable due to clay content.

**Gravel storage and drainage layer.** "Class 2 permeable," Caltrans specification 68-1.025, is recommended. Open-graded crushed rock, washed, may be used, but requires 4"-6" of washed pea gravel be substituted at the top of the crushed rock layer. **Do not use filter fabric** to separate the soil mix from the gravel drainage layer.

**Emergency overflow.** The planter design and installation should anticipate extreme events and potential clogging of the overflow and route emergency overflows safely.

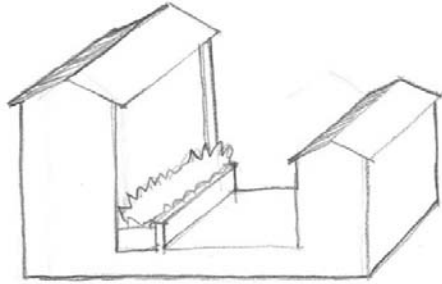
► **APPLICATIONS**

**Adjacent to buildings.** Flow-through planters may be located adjacent to buildings, where the planter vegetation can soften the visual effect of the building wall. A setback with a raised planter box may be appropriate even in some neo-traditional pedestrian-oriented urban streetscapes.

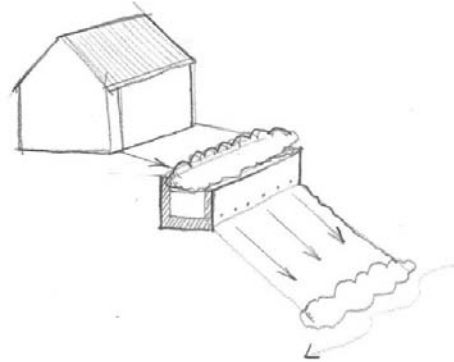
**At plaza level.** Flow-through planters have been successfully incorporated into podium-style developments, with the planters placed on the plaza level and receiving runoff from the tower roofs above. Runoff from the plaza level is typically managed separately by additional flow-through planters or bioretention facilities located at street level.

**Steep slopes.** Flow-through planters provide a means to detain and treat runoff on slopes that cannot accept infiltration from a bioretention facility. The planter can be built into the slope similar to a retaining wall. The design should consider the need to access the planter for periodic

maintenance. Flows from the planter underdrain and overflow must be directed in accordance with local requirements. It is sometimes possible to disperse these flows to the downgradient hillside.



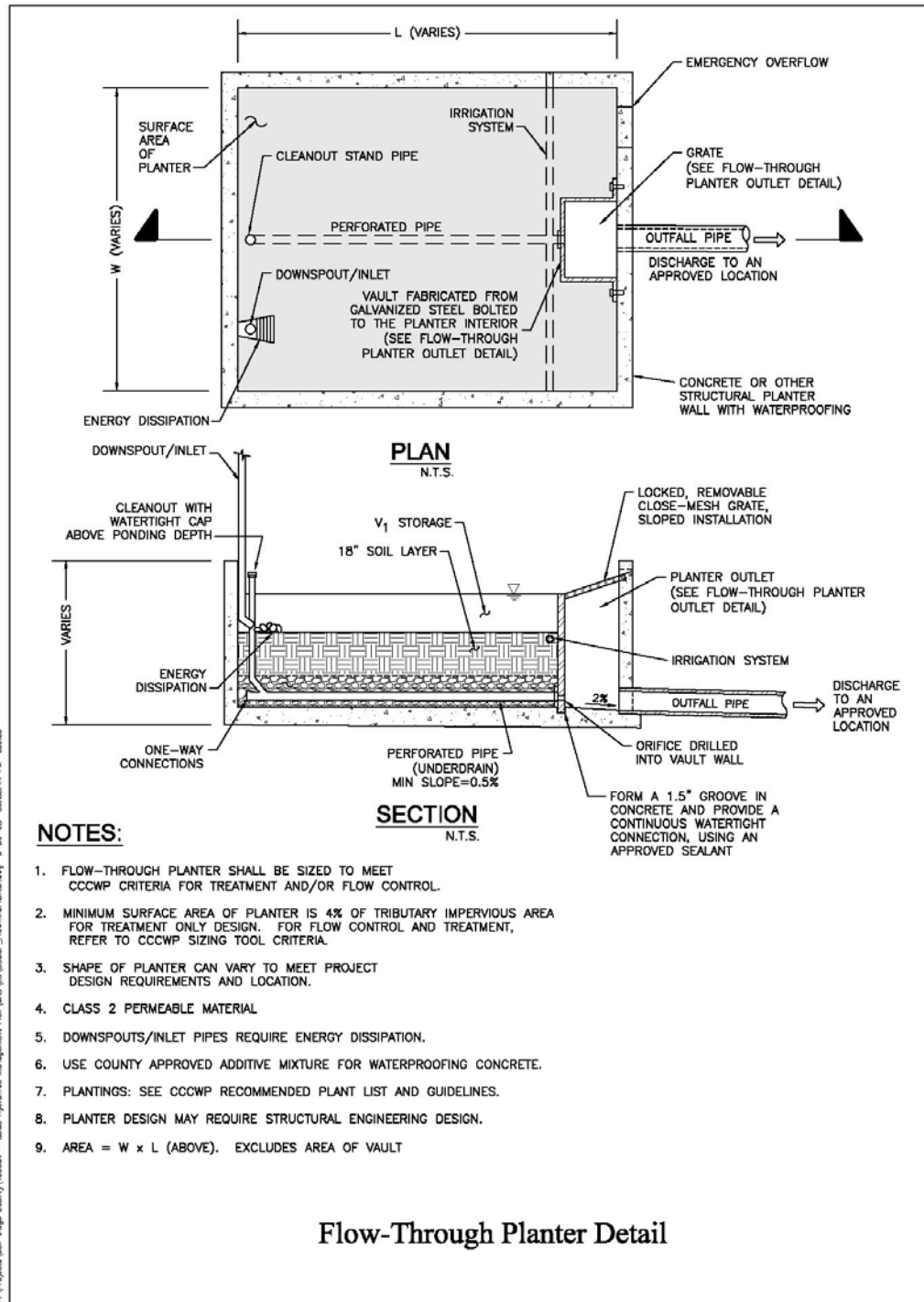
Flow-through planter on the plaza level of a podium-style development.



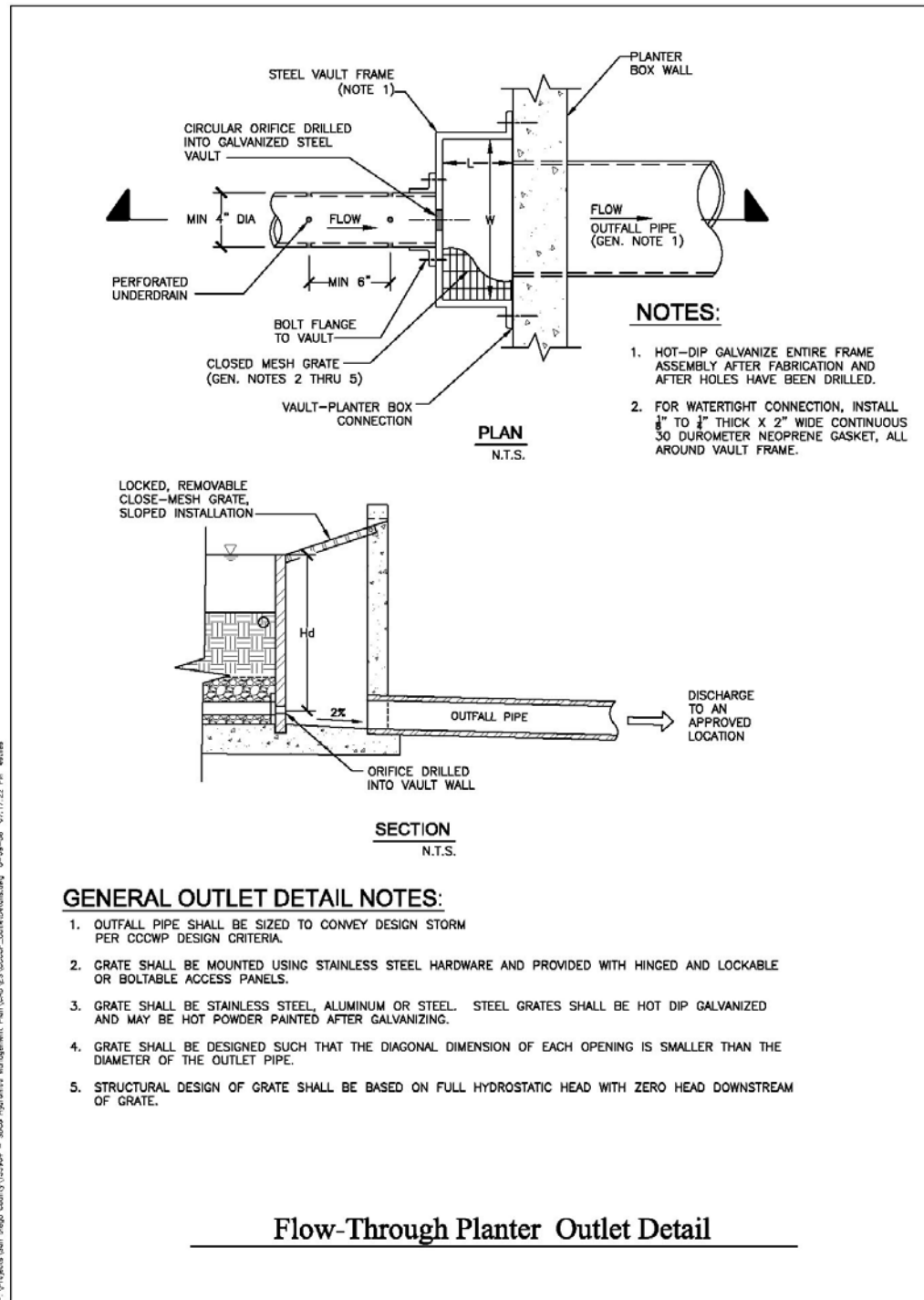
Flow-through planter built into a hillside. Flows from the underdrain and overflow must be directed in accordance with local requirements.

#### Design Checklist for Flow-through Planter

- Reservoir depth is 4-6" minimum.
- 18" depth "loamy sand" soil mix with minimum long-term infiltration rate of 5"/hour.
- Area of soil mix meets or exceeds minimum.
- "Class 2 perm" drainage layer.
- No filter fabric.
- Perforated pipe underdrain with outlet located flush or nearly flush with planter bottom. Connection with sufficient head to storm drain or discharge point.
- Underdrain has a clean-out port consisting of a vertical, rigid, non-perforated PVC pipe, with a minimum diameter of 6 inches and a watertight cap.
- Overflow connected to a downstream storm drain or approved discharge point.
- Location and footprint of facility are shown on site plan and landscaping plan.
- Planter is set level.
- Emergency spillage will be safely conveyed overland.
- Plantings are suitable to the climate and a well-drained soil.
- Irrigation system with connection to water supply.



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## Dry Wells and Infiltration Basins

The typical dry well is a prefabricated structure, such as an open-bottomed vault or box, placed in an excavation or boring. The vault may be empty (for maximum space efficiency) or filled with rock.

An infiltration basin has the same functional components—a volume to store runoff and sufficient area to infiltrate that volume into the native soil—but is open rather than covered.

### ► CRITERIA

Dry wells and infiltration basins must be designed with the minimum volume calculated by Equation 4-8 using a unit volume based on the County of San Diego’s 85th Percentile Isopluvial Map.

Consult with an Authority engineer and the Environmental Affairs Department regarding the need to verify soil permeability and other site conditions are suitable for dry wells and infiltration basins. Some proposed criteria are on pages 5-12 of Caltrans’ 2004 BMP Retrofit Pilot Study Final Report (CTSW-RT-01-050).

The infiltration rate and infiltrative area must be sufficient to drain a full facility within 72 hours.

### ► DETAILS

Dry wells should be sited to allow for the potential future need for removal and replacement.

In locations where native soils are coarser than a medium sand, the area directly beneath the facility should be over-excavated by two feet and backfilled with sand as a groundwater protection measure.

### Design Checklist for Dry Well

- Volume and infiltrative area meet or exceed minimum.
- Overflow connected to a downstream storm drain or approved discharge point.
- Emergency spillage will be safely conveyed overland.
- Depth from bottom of the facility to seasonally high groundwater elevation is  $\geq 10$  feet\*.
- Areas tributary to the facility do not include automotive repair shops; car washes; fleet storage areas (Bus, truck, etc.); nurseries, or other uses that may present an exceptional threat to groundwater quality.
- Underlying soils are in Hydrologic Soil Group A or B. Infiltration rate is sufficient to ensure a full basin will drain completely within 72 hours. Soil infiltration rate has been confirmed.
- Set back from structures 10' or as recommended by structural or geotechnical engineer.

\* References to 10 feet of separation between bottom of facility and seasonally high groundwater elevation are standard Copermittee language. See page 28 for applicability.

### Best Uses

- Alternative to bioretention in areas with permeable soils

### Advantages

- Compact footprint
- Can be installed in paved areas

### Limitations

- Can be used only on sites with “A” and “B” soils
- Requires minimum of 10' from bottom of facility to seasonal high groundwater\*
- Not suitable for drainage from some industrial areas or arterial roads
- Must be maintained to prevent clogging.

## Cistern with Bioretention Facility

A cistern in series with a bioretention facility can meet treatment requirements where space is limited. In this configuration, the cistern is equipped with a flow-control orifice and the bioretention facility is sized to treat a trickle outflow from the cistern.

### ► CRITERIA

**Cistern.** The cistern must detain the volume calculated by Equation 4-8 and must include an orifice or other device designed for a 24-hour drawdown time.

**Bioretention facility.** See the design sheet for bioretention facilities. The area of the bioretention facility must be sized to treat the maximum discharge flow, assuming a percolation rate of 5" per hour through the engineered soil.

**Use with sand filter.** A cistern in series with a sand filter can meet treatment requirements. See the discussion of treatment facility selection in Chapter 2 and the design guidance for sand filters in Chapter 4.

### ► DETAILS

**Flow-control orifice.** The cistern must be equipped with an orifice plate or other device to limit flow to the bioretention area.

**Preventing mosquito harborage.** Cisterns should be designed to drain completely, leaving no standing water. Drains should be located flush with the bottom of the cistern. Alternatively—or in addition—all entry and exit points, should be provided with traps or sealed or screened to prevent mosquito entry. Note mosquitoes can enter through openings  $\frac{1}{16}$ " or larger and will fly for many feet through pipes as small as  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

**Exclude debris.** Provide leaf guards and/or screens to prevent debris from accumulating in the cistern.

**Ensure access for maintenance.** Design the cistern to allow for cleanout. Avoid creating the need for maintenance workers to enter a confined space. Ensure the outlet orifice can be easily accessed for cleaning and maintenance.

### Best Uses

- In series with a bioretention facility to meet treatment requirement in limited space.
- Management of roof runoff
- Dense urban areas

### Advantages

- Storage volume can be in any configuration

### Limitations

- Somewhat complex to design, build, and operate
- Requires head for both cistern and bioretention facility

► APPLICATIONS

**Shallow ponding on a flat roof.** The “cistern” storage volume can be designed in any configuration, including storing rainfall on the roof where it falls and draining it away slowly. See the County of San Diego’s 85<sup>th</sup> percentile isopluvial diagrams for required average depths.

**Cistern attached to a building and draining to a planter.** This arrangement allows a planter box to be constructed with a smaller area.

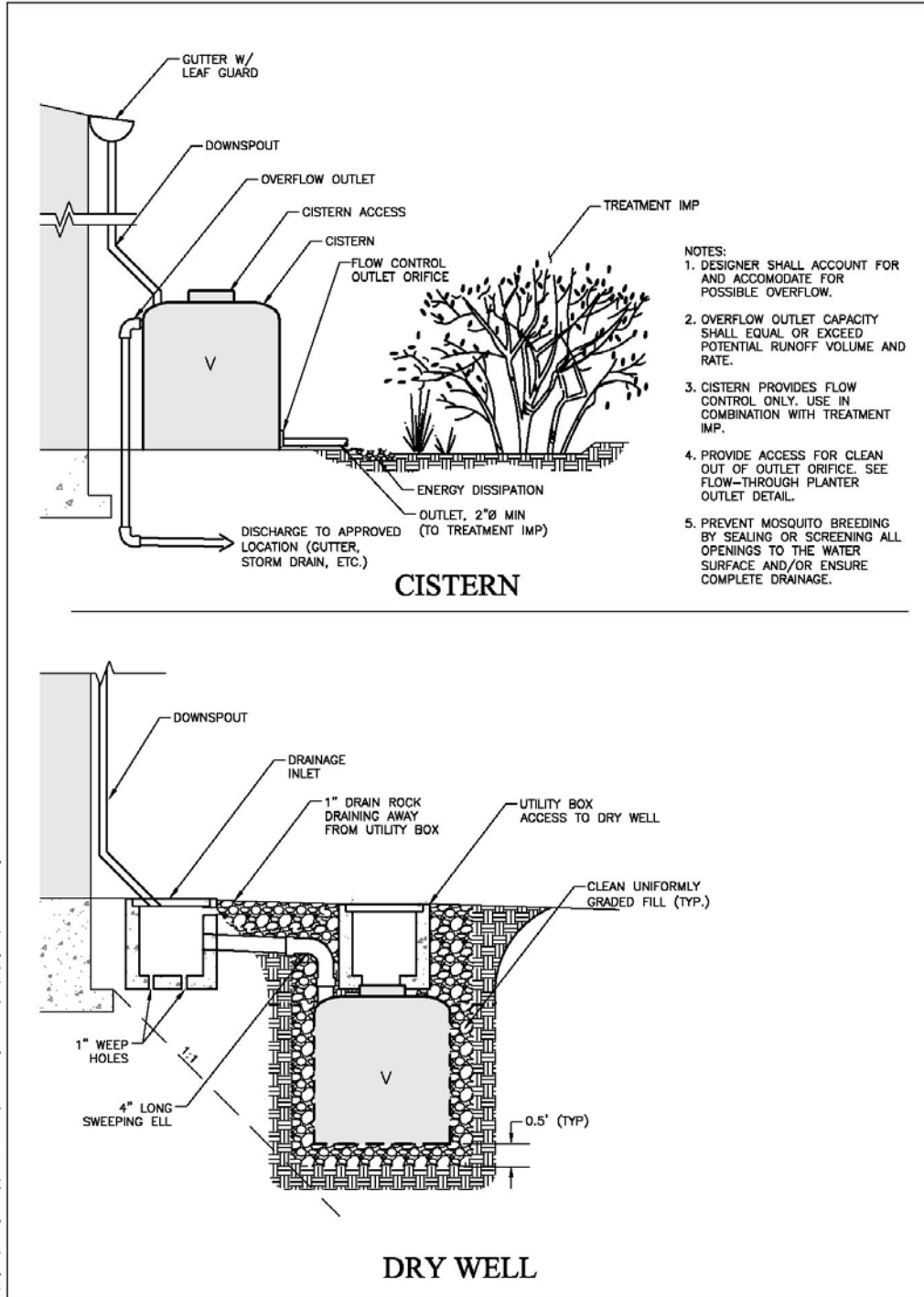
**Vault with pumped discharge to bioretention facility.** In this arrangement, runoff from a parking lot and/or building roofs can be captured and detained underground and then pumped to a bioretention facility on the surface. Alternatively, treatment can be accomplished with a sand filter. See the discussion of selection of stormwater treatment facilities in Chapter 2.

**Water harvesting or graywater reuse.** It may be possible to create a site-specific design that uses cisterns to achieve stormwater flow control, stormwater treatment, and rainwater reuse for irrigation or indoor uses (**water harvesting**). Facilities must meet criteria for capturing and treating the volume specified by Equation 4-8. This volume must be allowed to empty within 24 hours so runoff from additional storms, which may follow, is also captured and treated. Additional volume may be required if the system also stores runoff for longer periods for reuse. Indoor uses of non-potable water may be restricted or prohibited. Check with Environmental Affairs Department staff.

**Design Checklist for Cistern**

- Volume meets or exceeds minimum.
- Outlet with orifice or other flow-control device restricts flow and is designed to provide a 24-hour drawdown time.
- Outlet is piped to a bioretention facility designed to treat the maximum discharge from the cistern orifice.
- Cistern is designed to drain completely and/or sealed to prevent mosquito harborage.
- Design provides for exclusion of debris and accessibility for maintenance.
- Overflow connected to a downstream storm drain or approved discharge point.
- Emergency spillage will be safely conveyed overland.





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## Chapter 5 – OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER FACILITIES

The stormwater Municipal Permit requires that the Authority verify all treatment and flow-control facilities are adequately maintained. Facilities installed as part of the project will be verified for effectiveness and proper performance. The Authority will also verify the ongoing function of stormwater management features that are not treatment or flow control facilities, such as permeable pavements and limitations on impervious area. This chapter describes how to prepare a customized Stormwater Maintenance Plan for the treatment BMPs on the project site.

For projects within the Authority jurisdiction, storm water BMP maintenance will be provided by the Authority for capital projects (i.e., public entity maintenance) and will be provided by individual tenants for tenant projects (i.e., through lease provisions). As part of project review for both capital and tenant priority projects that include interim or permanent structural BMPs, the Authority will verify that appropriate mechanisms are in-place. Maintenance requirements identified in below are required by the Municipal Permit and the Model SUSMP.

### Maintenance Mechanisms

The maintenance mechanisms below apply to Authority projects:

1. Public entity maintenance: The Authority will provide storm water BMP maintenance for its capital projects. Funding will be provided on an on-going basis through the inclusion of maintenance costs in annual operating budgets for any departments having BMP maintenance responsibility.
1. Lease provisions: The Authority will assure storm water BMP maintenance, repair and replacement of tenant projects through conditions in tenant leases.
2. Other Mechanisms: On a case-by-case basis, the Authority may consider other mechanisms for treatment BMP maintenance such as inclusion of maintenance conditions in a use permit; or alternative mechanisms, subject to Environmental Affairs approval.

## **Verification Mechanisms**

For discretionary projects, storm water BMP maintenance requirements shall be incorporated into the project plan approval conditions, and shall be consistent with permits issued by resource agencies, before decision-maker approval of discretionary permits. For projects requiring ministerial approvals, storm water BMP maintenance requirements will be incorporated into the lease conditions or conditions of approval before the issuance of the approval.

Sample conditions included in Project Plan Approval Letters for tenant projects are provided in Attachment D.

For capital projects requiring structural treatment BMPs, the Authority will establish a method of storm water BMP maintenance prior to the commencement of construction.

In all instances, the project proponent shall provide proof of execution of an Authority-approved method of maintenance repair and replacement before the issuance of construction approvals.

## **Maintenance Requirements**

1. Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Plan – The Authority will require that a copy of a satisfactory Operation & Maintenance (O&M) plan, prepared by the tenant/project proponent is included with the USWMP prior to construction. The O&M Plan must describe the designated responsible party to manage the storm water BMP(s), any necessary employee training and duties, operating schedule, maintenance frequency, specific maintenance activities, copies of resource agency permits, and any other necessary activities. At a minimum, the O&M Plan shall require the inspection and servicing of all structural BMPs on an annual basis. The tenant shall document all maintenance requirements and shall retain records for at least 5 years. These documents shall be made available to the Authority for inspection upon request at any time. O&M Plans will also be prepared for capital projects that include structural BMPs.
2. Access Easement/Agreement: The Authority maintains rights to access tenant properties as part of lease provisions. These rights extend to any access required related to structural BMPs.

## **Maintenance Plans**

The staged process for the operation and maintenance of stormwater facilities is detailed below:

## Stage 1: General Maintenance Requirements

Include in the Project Submittal a general description of anticipated facility maintenance requirements. This will help ensure that:

- Ongoing costs of maintenance have been considered in the facility selection and design.
- Site and landscaping plans provide for access for inspections and by maintenance equipment.
- Landscaping plans incorporate irrigation requirements for facility plantings.
- Initial maintenance and replacement of facility plantings is incorporated into landscaping contracts and guarantees.

Fact sheets available on the Project Clean Water website describe general maintenance requirements for the types of stormwater facilities featured in the LID Design Guide (see Chapter 4). This information can be used to specify general maintenance requirements in the Project Submittal.

Maintenance fact sheets for conventional stormwater facilities are available in the California Stormwater BMP Handbooks.

## Stage 2: Detailed Maintenance Plan

Prepare a detailed maintenance plan and submit it as required by the Authority. The Authority may require a detailed maintenance plan be included with the initial Project Submittal; or may wish that the detailed maintenance plan incorporate solutions to any problems or changes that occurred during project construction.

The detailed maintenance plan should be kept on-site for use by maintenance personnel and during site inspections. It is also recommended that a copy of the initial Project Submittal be kept onsite as a reference.

### ► THE DETAILED MAINTENANCE PLAN: STEP BY STEP

The following step-by-step guidance will help in the preparation of the detailed maintenance plan.

Preparation of the plan will require familiarity with the stormwater facilities as they have been or will be constructed and a fair amount of “thinking through” plans for their operation and maintenance.

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### ► STEP 1: DESIGNATE RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS

To begin creating the detailed maintenance plan, designate and identify:

- The individual who will have direct responsibility for the maintenance of stormwater controls. This individual should be the designated contact with Authority inspectors and should sign self-inspection reports and any correspondence with the Authority regarding verification inspections.
- Employees or contractors who will report to the designated contact and are responsible for carrying out BMP operation and maintenance.
- The corporate officer authorized to negotiate and execute any contracts that might be necessary for future changes to operation and maintenance or to implement remedial measures if problems occur.
- The designated respondent to problems, such as clogged drains or broken irrigation mains, that would require immediate response should they occur during off-hours.

**Updated contact information must be provided to the Authority immediately whenever a lease is transferred and whenever designated individuals or contractors change.**

Draw or sketch an **organization chart** to show the relationships of authority and responsibility between the individuals responsible for maintenance. This need not be elaborate, particularly for smaller organizations.

Describe how **funding for BMP operation and maintenance** will be assured, including sources of funds, budget category for expenditures, process for establishing the annual maintenance budget, and process for obtaining authority should unexpected expenditures for major corrective maintenance be required.

Describe how the organization will accommodate initial **training** of staff or contractors regarding the purpose, mode of operation, and maintenance requirements for the stormwater facilities on the site. Also, describe how the organization will ensure ongoing training as needed and in response to staff changes.

### ► STEP 2: SUMMARIZE DRAINAGE AND BMPS

Incorporate the following information from the Project Submittal into the maintenance plan:

- Figures delineating and designating pervious and impervious areas.
- Figures showing locations of stormwater facilities on the site.
- Tables of pervious and impervious areas served by each facility.

Review the Project Submittal narrative, if any, that describes each facility and its tributary drainage area and update the text to incorporate any changes that may have occurred during plan review, permit reviews, or construction. Incorporate the updated text into the maintenance plan.

► **STEP 3: DOCUMENT FACILITIES “AS BUILT”**

Include the following information from final construction drawings:

- Plans, elevations, and details of all facilities. Annotate if necessary with designations used in the initial Project Submittal.
- Design information or calculations submitted in the detailed design phase (i.e., not included in the initial Project Submittal.)
- Specifications of construction for facilities, including sand or soil, compaction, pipe materials and bedding.

In the maintenance plan, note field changes to design drawings, including changes to any of the following:

- Location and layouts of inflow piping, flow splitter boxes, and piping to off-site discharge
- Depths and layering of soil, sand, or gravel
- Placement of filter fabric or geotextiles
- Changes or substitutions in soil or other materials.
- Natural soils encountered (e.g., sand or clay lenses)

► **STEP 4: PREPARE MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR EACH FACILITY**

Prepare a maintenance plan, schedule, and inspection checklists (routine, annual, and after major storms) for each facility. Plans and schedules for two or more similar facilities on the same site may be combined.

Use the following resources to prepare the customized maintenance plan, schedule, and checklists.

- Specific information noted in Steps 2 and 3, above.
- Other input from the facility designer, Authority staff, or other sources.
- Operation and Maintenance Fact Sheets (available on the Project Clean Water website).

Note any particular characteristics or circumstances that could require attention in the future, and include any troubleshooting advice.

Also include manufacturer’s data, operating manuals, and maintenance requirements for any:

- Pumps or other mechanical equipment.
- Proprietary devices used as BMPs.

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Manufacturers' publications should be referenced in the text (including models and serial numbers where available). Copies of the manufacturers' publications should be included as an attachment in the back of the maintenance plan or as a separate document.

**► STEP 5: COMPILE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

The following general outline is provided as an example. Check with the Environmental Affairs Department for specific requirements.

- I. Inspection and Maintenance Log
- II. Updates, Revisions and Errata
- III. Introduction
  - A. Narrative overview describing the site; drainage areas, routing, and discharge points; and treatment facilities.
- IV. Responsibility for Maintenance
  - A. General
    - (1) Name and contact information for responsible individual(s).
    - (2) Organization chart or charts showing organization of the maintenance function and location within the overall organization.
    - (3) Reference to Operation and Maintenance Agreement (if any). A copy of the agreement should be attached.
    - (4) Maintenance Funding
      - (1) Sources of funds for maintenance
      - (2) Budget category or line item
      - (3) Description of procedure and process for ensuring adequate funding for maintenance
  - B. Staff Training Program
  - C. Records
  - D. Safety
- V. Summary of Drainage Areas and Stormwater Facilities
  - A. Drainage Areas
    - (1) Drawings showing pervious and impervious areas (from initial Project Submittal).
    - (2) Designation and description of each drainage area and how flow is routed to the corresponding facility.



- B. Treatment and Flow-Control Facilities
  - (1) Drawings showing location and type of each facility
  - (2) General description of each facility (Consider a table if more than two facilities)
    - (1) Area drained and routing of discharge.
    - (2) Facility type and size
- VI. Facility Documentation
  - A. “As-built” drawings of each facility (design drawings in the draft Plan)
  - B. Manufacturer’s data, manuals, and maintenance requirements for pumps, mechanical or electrical equipment, and proprietary facilities (include a “placeholder” in the draft plan for information not yet available).
  - C. Specific operation and maintenance concerns and troubleshooting
- VII. Maintenance Schedule or Matrix
  - A. Maintenance Schedule for each facility with specific requirements for:
    - (1) Routine inspection and maintenance
    - (2) Annual inspection and maintenance
    - (3) Inspection and maintenance after major storms
  - B. Service Agreement Information

Assemble and make copies of the maintenance plan. One copy must be submitted to the Environmental Affairs Department, and at least one copy kept on-site. Here are some suggestions for formatting the maintenance plan:

- Format plans to 8½" x 11" to facilitate duplication, filing, and handling.
- Include the revision date in the footer on each page.
- Scan graphics and incorporate with text into a single electronic file. Keep an electronic backed-up file in case the hard copy is lost or damaged.

► **STEP 6: UPDATES**

The maintenance plan will be **a living document**.

The maintenance plan should be updated when operation and maintenance personnel change; mechanical equipment may be replaced, or additional maintenance procedures are added.

Updates may be transmitted to the Environmental Affairs Department at any time. However, at a minimum, updates to the maintenance plan must accompany the annual inspection report.

### **Stage 3: Interim Maintenance**

Applicants will typically be required to warranty stormwater facilities against lack of performance due to flaws in design or construction. The warranty may need to be secured by a bond or other financial instrument.

### **Stage 4: Transfer Responsibility**

As part of the detailed maintenance plan, note the expected date when responsibility for operation and maintenance will be transferred. Notify the Authority when this transfer of responsibility takes place.

### **Stage 5: Operation & Maintenance Verification**

The Authority implements an operation and maintenance verification program, including periodic site inspections.

Contact the Environmental Affairs Department staff to determine the frequency of inspections, whether self-inspections are allowed, and applicable fees, if any.

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# APPENDIX A—GLOSSARY

- Best Management Practice (BMP)** Any procedure or device designed to minimize the quantity of pollutants that enter the storm drain system.
- California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies (CASQA)** Publisher of the California Stormwater Best Management Practices Handbooks, available at [www.cabmphandbooks.com](http://www.cabmphandbooks.com). Successor to the Storm Water Quality Task Force (SWQTF).
- California BMP Method** A method for determining the required volume of stormwater treatment facilities. Described in Section 5.5.1 of the California Stormwater Best Management Practice Manual (New Development) (CASQA, 2003).
- Conditions of Approval (COAs)** Requirements a jurisdiction may adopt for a project in connection with a discretionary action (e.g., adoption of an EIR or negative declaration or issuance of a use permit). COAs may include features to be incorporated into the final plans for the project and may also specify uses, activities, and operational measures that must be observed over the life of the project.
- Continuous Simulation Modeling** A method of hydrological analysis in which a set of rainfall data (typically hourly for 30 years or more) is used as input, and runoff rates are calculated on the same time step. The output is then analyzed statistically for the purposes of comparing runoff patterns under different conditions (for example, pre- and post-development-project).
- Copermittees** See **Dischargers**.
- Detention** The practice of holding stormwater runoff in ponds, vaults, within berms, or in depressed areas and letting it discharge slowly to the storm drain system. See definitions of **infiltration** and **retention**.
- Direct Discharge** Connection of project site runoff to an exempt receiving water body, which could include an exempt river reach, reservoir or lagoon. To qualify as a direct discharge, the discharge elevation from the project site outfall must be below the elevations detailed in the HMP Applicability section of this Model SUSMP.
- Direct Infiltration** Infiltration via methods or devices, such as infiltration facilities or infiltration trenches, designed to bypass unsaturated surface soils and transmit runoff directly to groundwater.
- Directly Connected Impervious Area** Any impervious surface which drains into a catch basin, area drain, or other conveyance structure without first allowing flow across pervious areas (e.g. lawns).
- Dischargers** The agencies named in the **stormwater NPDES permit** (see definition): the County of San Diego; the Cities of Carlsbad, El Cajon, La Mesa, Poway, Solana Beach, Chula Vista, Encinitas, Lemon Grove, San Diego, Vista, Coronado, Escondido, National City, San Marcos, Del Mar, Imperial Beach, Oceanside, and Santee; the San Diego Unified Port District, and the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.
- Drainage Management Areas** Areas delineated on a map of the development site showing how drainage is detained, dispersed, or directed to **Integrated Management Practices**. There are four types of Drainage Management Areas, and specific criteria apply to each type of area. See Chapter 4.

<b>Drawdown time</b>	The time required for a stormwater detention or infiltration facility to drain and return to the dry-weather condition. For detention facilities, drawdown time is a function of basin volume and outlet orifice size. For infiltration facilities, drawdown time is a function of basin volume and infiltration rate.
<b>Environmentally Sensitive Areas</b>	Areas that include but are not limited to all Clean Water Act Section 303(d) impaired water bodies; areas designated as Areas of Special Biological Significance by the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (1994) and amendments); water bodies designated with the RARE beneficial use by the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (1994) and amendments); areas designated as preserves or their equivalent under the Multi Species Conservation Program within the Cities and County of San Diego; and any other equivalent environmentally sensitive areas which have been identified by the Copermittees.
<b>Flow Control</b>	Control of runoff rates and durations as required by the Hydromodification Management Plan.
<b>Head</b>	In hydraulics, energy represented as a difference in elevation. In slow-flowing open systems, the difference in water surface elevation, e.g., between an inlet and outlet.
<b>Higher-Rate Biofilter</b>	A biofilter with a design surface loading rate higher than the 5 inches per hour rate specified in this document for bioretention facilities and planter boxes.
<b>Hydrograph</b>	Runoff flow rate plotted as a function of time.
<b>Hydromodification Management Plan (HMP)</b>	A Plan implemented by the <b>dischargers</b> so that post-project runoff shall not exceed estimated pre-project rates and/or durations, where increased runoff would result in increased potential for erosion or other adverse impacts to beneficial uses. Also see definition for <b>flow control</b> .
<b>Hydrologic Soil Group</b>	Classification of soils by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) into A, B, C, and D groups according to infiltration capacity.
<b>Impervious surface</b>	Any material that prevents or substantially reduces infiltration of water into the soil. See discussion of imperviousness in Chapter Two.
<b>Infeasible</b>	As applied to best management practices, impossible to implement because of technical constraints specific to the site.
<b>Infiltration</b>	Seepage of runoff into soils underlying the site. See definition of retention.
<b>Infiltration Device</b>	Any structure, such as a dry well, that is designed to infiltrate stormwater into the subsurface and, as designed, bypasses the natural groundwater protection afforded by surface or near-surface soil. See definition for direct infiltration.
<b>Integrated Management Practice (IMP)</b>	A facility (BMP) that provides small-scale treatment, retention, and/or detention and is integrated into site layout, landscaping and drainage design. See Low Impact Development.

<b>Integrated Pest Management (IPM)</b>	An approach to pest management that relies on information about the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. Pest control methods are applied with the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.
<b>Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Plan (JURMP)</b>	A written description of the specific jurisdictional urban runoff management measures and programs that each Copermittee implements to comply with the stormwater Municipal Permit and ensure pollutant discharges are reduced to the MEP and do not cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards. See Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program.
<b>Lead Agency</b>	The public agency that has the principal responsibility for carrying out or approving a project. (CEQA Guidelines §15367).
<b>Low Impact Development</b>	An integrated site design methodology that uses small-scale detention and retention (Integrated Management Practices, or IMPs) to mimic pre-existing site hydrological conditions.
<b>Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP)</b>	Standard, established by the 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act, for the implementation of municipal stormwater pollution prevention programs (see definition). According to the Act, municipal stormwater NPDES Permits “shall require controls to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable, including management practices, control techniques and system, design and engineering methods, and such other provisions as the Administrator or the State determines appropriate for the control of such pollutants.”
<b>Municipal Permit</b>	As used in this document, NPDES Permit No. CAS0108758 reissued in January 2007 by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the San Diego Region (RWQCB) as RWQCB Order No. R9-2007-0001, and any future modifications to or reissuances of which requires, supports, or justifies this SUSMP document.
<b>National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)</b>	As part of the 1972 Clean Water Act, Congress established the NPDES Permitting system to regulate the discharge of pollutants from municipal sanitary sewers and industries. The NPDES was expanded in 1987 to incorporate permits for stormwater discharges as well.
<b>Numeric Criteria</b>	Sizing requirements for stormwater treatment facilities established in Provision D.1.d.(6)(c) of the Municipal Permit.
<b>Operation and Maintenance (O&amp;M)</b>	Refers to requirements in the Municipal Permit to inspect treatment BMPs and implement preventative and corrective maintenance in perpetuity. See Chapter 5.
<b>Parking Lot</b>	A land area or facility for the temporary parking or storage of motor vehicles used personally, for business, or for commerce.
<b>Permeable Pavements</b>	Pavements for roadways, sidewalks, or plazas that are designed to infiltrate a portion of rainfall, including pervious concrete, pervious asphalt, unit-pavers-on-sand, and crushed gravel.

<b>Priority Development Project</b>	A project subject to SUSMP requirements. Defined in Stormwater Municipal Permit Provision D.1.d.(1). See Chapter 1.
<b>Project Area</b>	The entire project area comprises all areas to be altered or developed by the project, plus any additional areas that drain on to areas to be altered or developed.
<b>Project Submittal</b>	Documents submitted to a jurisdiction in connection with an application for development approval and demonstrating compliance with Stormwater NPDES Permit requirements for the project. Specific requirements vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.
<b>Proprietary</b>	A proprietary device is one marketed under legal right of the manufacturer.
<b>Redevelopment</b>	<p>The creation, addition, and or replacement of impervious surface on an already developed site. Examples include the expansion of a building footprint, road widening, the addition to or replacement of a structure, and creation or addition of impervious surfaces.</p> <p>Replacement of impervious surfaces includes any activity that is not part of a routine maintenance activity where impervious material(s) are removed, exposing underlying soil during construction. Redevelopment does not include trenching and resurfacing associated with utility work; resurfacing and reconfiguring surface parking lots and existing roadways; new sidewalk construction, pedestrian ramps, or bikelane on existing roads; and routine replacement of damaged pavement, such as pothole repair.</p>
<b>Rational Method</b>	A method of calculating runoff flows based on rainfall intensity, tributary area, and a factor representing the proportion of rainfall that runs off.
<b>Regional (or Watershed) Stormwater Treatment Facility</b>	A facility that treats runoff from more than one project or parcel.
<b>Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)</b>	California RWQCBs are responsible for implementing pollution control provisions of the Clean Water Act and California Water Code within their jurisdiction. There are nine California RWQCBs.
<b>Retention</b>	The practice of holding stormwater in ponds or basins, or within berms or depressed areas, and allowing it to slowly infiltrate into underlying soils. Some portion will evaporate. See definitions for infiltration and detention.
<b>Self-retaining area</b>	An area designed to retain runoff. Self-retaining areas may include graded depressions with landscaping or pervious pavements and may also include tributary impervious areas up to a 2:1 impervious-to-pervious ratio.
<b>Self-treating area</b>	A natural, landscaped, or turf area drains directly off site or to the public storm drain system.
<b>Source Control BMP (both structural and non-structural)</b>	Land use or site planning practices, or structures that aim to prevent urban runoff pollution by reducing the potential for contamination at the source of pollution. Source control BMPs minimize the contact between pollutants and urban runoff. Examples include roof structures over trash or material storage areas, and berms around fuel dispensing areas.



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<b>Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)</b>	A Federal government system for classifying industries by 4-digit code. It is being supplanted by the North American Industrial Classification System but SIC codes are still referenced by the RWQCB in identifying development sites subject to regulation under the Municipal Permit. Information and an SIC search function are available at <a href="http://www.bls.gov/bls/NAICS.htm">http://www.bls.gov/bls/NAICS.htm</a>
<b>Stormwater NPDES Permit</b>	A permit issued by a Regional Water Quality Control Board (see definition) to local government agencies (Dischargers) placing provisions on allowable discharges of municipal stormwater to waters of the state.
<b>Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)</b>	A plan providing for temporary measures to control sediment and other pollutants during construction as required by the statewide stormwater NPDES Permit for construction activities.
<b>Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program</b>	A comprehensive program of activities designed to minimize the quantity of pollutants entering storm drains. See Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Plan.
<b>Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP)</b>	Refers to various documents prepared in connection with implementation of the Municipal Permit mandate to control pollutants from new development and redevelopment. Each discharger will adapt the Model SUSMP to create a local SUSMP for their respective jurisdiction. Applicants for development project approvals will use the local SUSMP to prepare a submittal for each Priority Development Project they propose.
<b>Treatment</b>	Removal of pollutants from runoff, typically by filtration or settling.
<b>Water Board</b>	See <b>Regional Water Quality Control Board</b> .
<b>Water Quality Volume (WQV)</b>	For stormwater treatment facilities that depend on detention to work, the volume of water that must be detained to achieve maximum extent practicable pollutant removal. This volume of water must be detained for a specified drawdown time.

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# APPENDIX B

**How to use this worksheet (also see instructions on pages 34-35 of the *Countywide Model SUSMP*):**

1. Review Column 1 and identify which of these potential sources of stormwater pollutants apply to the site. Check each box that applies.
2. Review Column 2 and incorporate all of the corresponding applicable BMPs in the Project-Specific SUSMP drawings.
3. Review Columns 3 and 4 and incorporate all of the corresponding applicable permanent controls and operational BMPs in a table in the Project-Specific SUSMP. Use the format shown in Table 3-1 on page 35 of the *Countywide Model SUSMP*. Describe the specific BMPs in an accompanying narrative, and explain any special conditions or situations that required omitting BMPs or substituting alternatives.

<b>IF THESE SOURCES WILL BE ON THE PROJECT SITE ...</b>	<b>... THEN THE STORMWATER CONTROL PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE THESE SOURCE CONTROL BMPs</b>		
<b>1 Potential Sources of Runoff Pollutants</b>	<b>2 Permanent Controls—Show on SUSMP Drawings</b>	<b>3 Permanent Controls—List in SUSMP Table and Narrative</b>	<b>4 Operational BMPs—Include in SUSMP Table and Narrative</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A.</b> On-site storm drain inlets	<input type="checkbox"/> Locations of inlets.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark all inlets with the words “No Dumping! Flows to Bay” or similar.	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain and periodically repaint or replace inlet markings. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide stormwater pollution prevention information to new site owners, lessees, or operators. <input type="checkbox"/> See applicable operational BMPs in Fact Sheet SC-44, “Drainage System Maintenance,” in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Include the following in lease agreements: “Tenant shall not allow anyone to discharge anything to storm drains or to store or deposit materials so as to create a potential discharge to storm drains.”
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>B.</b> Interior floor drains and elevator shaft sump pumps		<input type="checkbox"/> State that interior floor drains and elevator shaft sump pumps will be plumbed to sanitary sewer.	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspect and maintain drains to prevent blockages and overflow.

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1 Potential Sources of Runoff Pollutants	2 Permanent Controls—Show on SUSMP Drawings	3 Permanent Controls—List in SUSMP Table and Narrative	4 Operational BMPs—Include in SUSMP Table and Narrative
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>C.</b> Interior parking garages		<input type="checkbox"/> State that parking garage floor drains will be plumbed to the sanitary sewer.	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspect and maintain drains to prevent blockages and overflow.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>D1.</b> Need for future indoor & structural pest control		<input type="checkbox"/> Note building design features that discourage entry of pests.	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide Integrated Pest Management information to owners, lessees, and operators.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>D2.</b> Landscape/ Outdoor Pesticide Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Show locations of native trees or areas of shrubs and ground cover to be undisturbed and retained. <input type="checkbox"/> Show self-retaining landscape areas, if any. <input type="checkbox"/> Show stormwater treatment facilities.	State that final landscape plans will accomplish all of the following. <input type="checkbox"/> Preserve existing native trees, shrubs, and ground cover to the maximum extent possible. <input type="checkbox"/> Design landscaping to minimize irrigation and runoff, to promote surface infiltration where appropriate, and to minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides that can contribute to stormwater pollution. <input type="checkbox"/> Where landscaped areas are used to retain or detain stormwater, specify plants that are tolerant of saturated soil conditions. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider using pest-resistant plants, especially adjacent to hardscape. <input type="checkbox"/> To insure successful establishment, select plants appropriate to site soils, slopes, climate, sun, wind, rain, land use, air movement, ecological consistency, and plant interactions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain landscaping using minimum or no pesticides. <input type="checkbox"/> See applicable operational BMPs in Fact Sheet SC-41, “Building and Grounds Maintenance,” in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide IPM information to new owners, lessees and operators.

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>E.</b> Pools, spas, ponds, decorative fountains, and other water features.	<input type="checkbox"/> Show location of water feature and a sanitary sewer cleanout in an accessible area within 10 feet.	<input type="checkbox"/> If the local jurisdiction requires pools to be plumbed to the sanitary sewer, place a note on the plans and state in the narrative that this connection will be made according to local requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/> See applicable operational BMPs in Fact Sheet SC-72, “Fountain and Pool Maintenance,” in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>F.</b> Food service	<input type="checkbox"/> For restaurants, grocery stores, and other food service operations, show location (indoors or in a covered area outdoors) of a floor sink or other area for cleaning floor mats, containers, and equipment.  <input type="checkbox"/> On the drawing, show a note that this drain will be connected to a grease interceptor before discharging to the sanitary sewer.	<input type="checkbox"/> Describe the location and features of the designated cleaning area.  <input type="checkbox"/> Describe the items to be cleaned in this facility and how it has been sized to insure that the largest items can be accommodated.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>G. Refuse areas</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Show where site refuse and recycled materials will be handled and stored for pickup. See local jurisdictional requirements for sizes and other details of refuse areas.  <input type="checkbox"/> If dumpsters or other receptacles are outdoors, show how the designated area will be covered, graded, and paved to prevent runoff and show locations of berms to prevent runoff from the area.  <input type="checkbox"/> Any drains from dumpsters, compactors, and tallow bin areas shall be connected to a grease removal device before discharge to sanitary sewer.	<input type="checkbox"/> State how site refuse will be handled and provide supporting detail to what is shown on plans.  <input type="checkbox"/> State that signs will be posted on or near dumpsters with the words “Do not dump hazardous materials here” or similar.	<input type="checkbox"/> State how the following will be implemented:  Provide adequate number of receptacles. Inspect receptacles regularly; repair or replace leaky receptacles. Keep receptacles covered. Prohibit/prevent dumping of liquid or hazardous wastes. Post “no hazardous materials” signs. Inspect and pick up litter daily and clean up spills immediately. Keep spill control materials available on-site. See Fact Sheet SC-34, “Waste Handling and Disposal” in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>H. Industrial processes.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Show process area.	<input type="checkbox"/> If industrial processes are to be located on site, state: “All process activities to be performed indoors. No processes to drain to exterior or to storm drain system.”	<input type="checkbox"/> See Fact Sheet SC-10, “Non-Stormwater Discharges” in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a>

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<input type="checkbox"/> I. Outdoor storage of equipment or materials. (See rows J and K for source control measures for vehicle cleaning, repair, and maintenance.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Show any outdoor storage areas, including how materials will be covered. Show how areas will be graded and bermed to prevent run-on or run-off from area.  <input type="checkbox"/> Storage of non-hazardous liquids shall be covered by a roof and/or drain to the sanitary sewer system, and be contained by berms, dikes, liners, or vaults.  <input type="checkbox"/> Storage of hazardous materials and wastes must be in compliance with the local hazardous materials ordinance and a Hazardous Materials Management Plan for the site.	<input type="checkbox"/> Include a detailed description of materials to be stored, storage areas, and structural features to prevent pollutants from entering storm drains.  Where appropriate, reference documentation of compliance with the requirements of local Hazardous Materials Programs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hazardous Waste Generation</li> <li>▪ Hazardous Materials Release Response and Inventory</li> <li>▪ California Accidental Release (CalARP)</li> <li>▪ Aboveground Storage Tank</li> <li>▪ Uniform Fire Code Article 80 Section 103(b) &amp; (c) 1991</li> <li>▪ Underground Storage Tank</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> See the Fact Sheets SC-31, “Outdoor Liquid Container Storage” and SC-33, “Outdoor Storage of Raw Materials ” in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a>

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>J. Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Show on drawings as appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Commercial/industrial facilities having vehicle /equipment cleaning needs shall either provide a covered, bermed area for washing activities or discourage vehicle/equipment washing by removing hose bibs and installing signs prohibiting such uses.</li> <li>(2) Multi-dwelling complexes shall have a paved, bermed, and covered car wash area (unless car washing is prohibited on-site and hoses are provided with an automatic shut-off to discourage such use).</li> <li>(3) Washing areas for cars, vehicles, and equipment shall be paved, designed to prevent run-on to or runoff from the area, and plumbed to drain to the sanitary sewer.</li> <li>(4) Commercial car wash facilities shall be designed such that no runoff from the facility is discharged to the storm drain system. Wastewater from the facility shall discharge to the sanitary sewer, or a wastewater reclamation system shall be installed.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> If a car wash area is not provided, describe measures taken to discourage on-site car washing and explain how these will be enforced.	Describe operational measures to implement the following (if applicable): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Washwater from vehicle and equipment washing operations shall not be discharged to the storm drain system.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Car dealerships and similar may rinse cars with water only.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> See Fact Sheet SC-21, “Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning,” in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a></li> </ul>



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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>K. Vehicle/Equipment Repair and Maintenance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodate all vehicle equipment repair and maintenance indoors. Or designate an outdoor work area and design the area to prevent run-on and runoff of stormwater.  <input type="checkbox"/> Show secondary containment for exterior work areas where motor oil, brake fluid, gasoline, diesel fuel, radiator fluid, acid-containing batteries or other hazardous materials or hazardous wastes are used or stored. Drains shall not be installed within the secondary containment areas.  <input type="checkbox"/> Add a note on the plans that states either (1) there are no floor drains, or (2) floor drains are connected to wastewater pretreatment systems prior to discharge to the sanitary sewer and an industrial waste discharge permit will be obtained.	<input type="checkbox"/> State that no vehicle repair or maintenance will be done outdoors, or else describe the required features of the outdoor work area.  <input type="checkbox"/> State that there are no floor drains or if there are floor drains, note the agency from which an industrial waste discharge permit will be obtained and that the design meets that agency's requirements.  <input type="checkbox"/> State that there are no tanks, containers or sinks to be used for parts cleaning or rinsing or, if there are, note the agency from which an industrial waste discharge permit will be obtained and that the design meets that agency's requirements.	<p>In the SUSMP report, note that all of the following restrictions apply to use the site:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> No person shall dispose of, nor permit the disposal, directly or indirectly of vehicle fluids, hazardous materials, or rinsewater from parts cleaning into storm drains.  No vehicle fluid removal shall be performed outside a building, nor on asphalt or ground surfaces, whether inside or outside a building, except in such a manner as to ensure that any spilled fluid will be in an area of secondary containment. Leaking vehicle fluids shall be contained or drained from the vehicle immediately.  <input type="checkbox"/> No person shall leave unattended drip parts or other open containers containing vehicle fluid, unless such containers are in use or in an area of secondary containment.

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<input type="checkbox"/> L. Fuel Dispensing Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Fueling areas <sup>1</sup> shall have impermeable floors (i.e., portland cement concrete or equivalent smooth impervious surface) that are: a) graded at the minimum slope necessary to prevent ponding; and b) separated from the rest of the site by a grade break that prevents run-on of stormwater to the maximum extent practicable.  <input type="checkbox"/> Fueling areas shall be covered by a canopy that extends a minimum of ten feet in each direction from each pump. [Alternative: The fueling area must be covered and the cover's minimum dimensions must be equal to or greater than the area within the grade break or fuel dispensing area <sup>1</sup> .] The canopy [or cover] shall not drain onto the fueling area.		<input type="checkbox"/> The property owner shall dry sweep the fueling area routinely. <input type="checkbox"/> See the Business Guide Sheet, "Automotive Service—Service Stations" in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a>

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<sup>1</sup> The fueling area shall be defined as the area extending a minimum of 6.5 feet from the corner of each fuel dispenser or the length at which the hose and nozzle assembly may be operated plus a minimum of one foot, whichever is greater.

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>M. Loading Docks</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Show a preliminary design for the loading dock area, including roofing and drainage. Loading docks shall be covered and/or graded to minimize run-on to and runoff from the loading area. Roof downspouts shall be positioned to direct stormwater away from the loading area. Water from loading dock areas should be drained to the sanitary sewer where feasible. Direct connections to storm drains from depressed loading docks are prohibited.  <input type="checkbox"/> Loading dock areas draining directly to the sanitary sewer shall be equipped with a spill control valve or equivalent device, which shall be kept closed during periods of operation.  <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a roof overhang over the loading area or install door skirts (cowling) at each bay that enclose the end of the trailer.		<input type="checkbox"/> Move loaded and unloaded items indoors as soon as possible.  <input type="checkbox"/> See Fact Sheet SC-30, “Outdoor Loading and Unloading,” in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>N. Fire Sprinkler Test Water</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Provide a means to drain fire sprinkler test water to the sanitary sewer.	<input type="checkbox"/> See the note in Fact Sheet SC-41, “Building and Grounds Maintenance,” in the CASQA Stormwater Quality Handbooks at <a href="http://www.cabmphandbooks.com">www.cabmphandbooks.com</a>

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<p><b>O. Miscellaneous Drain or Wash Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boiler drain lines</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Condensate drain lines</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rooftop equipment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drainage sumps</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Roofing, gutters, and trim.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boiler drain lines shall be directly or indirectly connected to the sanitary sewer system and may not discharge to the storm drain system.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Condensate drain lines may discharge to landscaped areas if the flow is small enough that runoff will not occur. Condensate drain lines may not discharge to the storm drain system.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rooftop mounted equipment with potential to produce pollutants shall be roofed and/or have secondary containment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any drainage sumps on-site shall feature a sediment sump to reduce the quantity of sediment in pumped water.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Avoid roofing, gutters, and trim made of copper or other unprotected metals that may leach into runoff.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>P. Plazas, sidewalks, and parking lots.</b></li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plazas, sidewalks, and parking lots shall be swept regularly to prevent the accumulation of litter and debris. Debris from pressure washing shall be collected to prevent entry into the storm drain system. Washwater containing any cleaning agent or degreaser shall be collected and discharged to the sanitary sewer and not discharged to a storm drain.</li> </ul>

# Appendix C

## Information on SIC Codes

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety & Health Administration ([www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov))

### SIC DESCRIPTION FOR *5013*

**Division F:** Wholesale Trade

**Major Group 50:** Wholesale Trade-durable Goods

**Industry Group 501:** Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Parts

#### **5013 Motor Vehicle Supplies and New Parts**

Establishments primarily engaged in the wholesale distribution of motor vehicle supplies, accessories, tools, and equipment; and new motor vehicle parts.

- Automobile engine testing equipment electrical-wholesale
- Automobile glass-wholesale
- Automobile service station equipment-wholesale
- Automotive accessories-wholesale
- Automotive engines, new-wholesale
- Automotive parts, new-wholesale
- Automotive stampings-wholesale
- Automotive supplies-wholesale
- Batteries, automotive-wholesale
- Engine electrical equipment, automotive-wholesale
- Garage service equipment-wholesale
- Hardware, automotive-wholesale
- Motorcycle parts-wholesale
- Pumps, measuring and dispensing: gasoline and oil-wholesale
- Seat belts, automotive-wholesale
- Seat covers, automotive-wholesale

- Service station equipment, automobile-wholesale
- Testing equipment, electrical: automotive-wholesale
- Tools and equipment, automotive-wholesale
- Wheels, motor vehicle: new-wholesale

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 5014**

**Division F:** Wholesale Trade

**Major Group 75:** Automotive Repair, Services, And Parking

### **5014 Tires and Tubes**

Establishments primarily engaged in the wholesale distribution of tires and tubes for passenger and commercial vehicles.

- Repair materials, tire and tube-wholesale
- Tires, used-wholesale
- Tires and tubes, new-wholesale
- Tires, used-wholesale

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 5541**

**Division G:** Retail Trade

**Major Group 55:** Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations

**Industry Group 554:** Gasoline Service Stations

### **5541 Gasoline Service Stations**

Gasoline service stations primarily engaged in selling gasoline and lubricating oils. These establishments frequently sell other merchandise, such as tires, batteries, and other automobile parts, or perform minor repair work. Gasoline stations combined with other activities, such as grocery stores, convenience stores, or carwashes, are classified according to the primary activity.

- Automobile service stations-retail
- Filling stations, gasoline-retail
- Gasoline and oil-retail
- Marine service stations-retail
- Service stations, gasoline-retail
- Truck stops-retail

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 5812**

**Division G:** Retail Trade

**Major Group 58:** Eating And Drinking Places

**Industry Group 581:** Eating And Drinking Places

### **5812 Eating Places**

Establishments primarily engaged in the retail sale of prepared food and drinks for on-premise or immediate consumption. Caterers and industrial and institutional food service establishments are also included in this industry.

- Automats (eating places)
- Beaneries
- Box lunch stands
- Buffets (eating places)
- Cafes
- Cafeterias
- Carry-out restaurants
- Caterers
- Coffee shops
- Commissary restaurants
- Concession stands, prepared food (e.g., in airports and sports arenas)
- Contract feeding
- Dairy bars
- Diners (eating places)
- Dining rooms
- Dinner theaters
- Drive-in restaurants
- Fast food restaurants
- Food bars
- Food service, institutional

- Frozen custard stands
- Grills (eating places)
- Hamburger stands
- Hot dog (frankfurter) stands
- Ice cream stands
- Industrial feeding
- Lunch bars
- Lunch counters
- Luncheonettes
- Lunchrooms
- Oyster bars
- Pizza parlors
- Pizzerias
- Refreshment stands
- Restaurants
- Restaurants, carry-out
- Restaurants, fast food
- Sandwich bars or shops
- Snack shops
- Soda fountains
- Soft drink stands
- Submarine sandwich shops
- Tea rooms
- Theaters, dinner

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 7532**

**Division I:** Services

**Major Group 75:** Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking



## **Industry Group 753:** Automotive Repair Shops

### **7532 Top, Body, and Upholstery Repair Shops and Paint Shops**

Establishments primarily engaged in the repair of automotive tops, bodies, and interiors, or automotive painting and refinishing. Also included in this industry are establishments primarily engaged in customizing automobiles, trucks, and vans except on a factory basis. Establishments primarily engaged in customizing automobiles, trucks, and vans on a factory basis are classified in Manufacturing, Industry Group 371.

- Antique and classic automobile restoration
- Automotive body shops
- Automotive interior shops
- Automotive paint shops
- Automotive tops (canvas or plastic), installation, repair, or sales and
- Automotive trim shops
- Bump shops (automotive repair)
- Collision shops, automotive
- Customizing automobiles, trucks or vans: except on a factory basis
- Upholstery repair, automotive
- Van conversions, except on a factory basis

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 7533**

**Division I:** Services

**Major Group 75:** Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking

**Industry Group 753:** Automotive Repair Shops

### **7533 Automotive Exhaust System Repair Shops**

Establishments primarily engaged in the installation, repair, or sale and installation of automotive exhaust systems. The sale of mufflers, tail pipes, and catalytic converters is considered to be incidental to the installation of these products.

- Catalytic converters, automotive: installation, repair, or sales and
- Exhaust system services, automotive
- Mufflers, automotive: installation, repair, or sales and installation

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 7534**

**Division I:** Services

**Major Group 75:** Automotive Repair, Services, And Parking

**Industry Group 753:** Automotive Repair Shops

### **7534 Tire Retreading and Repair Shops**

Establishments primarily engaged in repairing and retreading automotive tires. Establishments classified here may either retread customers' tires or retread tires for sale or exchange to the user or the trade.

- Rebuilding and retreading tires for the trade
- Retreading tires
- Tire recapping
- Tire repair shops
- Tire studding and restudding
- Vulcanizing tires and tubes

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 7536**

**Division I:** Services

**Major Group 75:** Automotive Repair, Services, And Parking

**Industry Group 753:** Automotive Repair Shops

### **7536 Automotive Glass Replacement Shops**

Establishments primarily engaged in the installation, repair, or sales and installation of automotive glass. The sale of the glass is considered incidental to the replacement.

- Glass replacement and repair, automotive

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 7537**

**Division I:** Services

**Major Group 75:** Automotive Repair, Services, And Parking

**Industry Group 753:** Automotive Repair Shops

### **7537 Automotive Transmission Repair Shops**

Establishments primarily engaged in the installation, repair, or sales and installation of automotive transmissions. The sale of transmissions and related parts is considered incidental to the installation or repair of these products.

- Automatic transmission repair, automotive
- Transmission repair, automotive
- Transmission, automotive: installation, repair, or sale and installation

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 7538**

**Division I:** Services

**Major Group 75:** Automotive Repair, Services, And Parking

**Industry Group 753:** Automotive Repair Shops

### **7538 General Automotive Repair Shops**

Establishments primarily engaged in general automotive repair. Establishments primarily engaged in industrial truck repair are classified in Industry 7699.

- Automotive repair shops, general
- Diesel engine repair, automotive
- Engine repair, automotive
- Engine repair, truck: except industrial
- Garages, general automotive repair and service
- Motor repair, automotive
- Truck engine repair, except industrial

## **SIC DESCRIPTION FOR 7539**

**Division I:** Services

**Major Group 75:** Automotive Repair, Services, And Parking

**Industry Group 753:** Automotive Repair Shops

### **7539 Automotive Repair Shops, Not Elsewhere Classified**

Establishments primarily engaged in specialized automotive repair, not elsewhere classified, such as fuel service (carburetor repair), brake relining, front-end and wheel alignment, and radiator repair. Establishments primarily engaged in automotive welding are classified in Industry 7692.

- Air-conditioner repair, automotive
- Automotive springs, rebuilding and repair
- Axle straightening, automotive

- Brake linings, sale and installation
- Brake repairing, automotive
- Carburetor repair
- Electrical service, automotive (battery and ignition repair)
- Frame repair shops, automotive
- Front end repair, automotive
- Fuel system conversion, automotive
- Fuel system repair, automotive
- Generator and starter repair, automotive
- Radiator repair shops, automotive
- Wheel alignment, automotive

# Appendix D

## Example Tenant Condition of Approval

The following statement can be added as a condition of approval for all tenant projects:

“The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority and San Diego International Airport is regulated under Regional Water Quality Control Board Order No. 2001-01, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS0108758, Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Urban Runoff from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds of the County of San Diego, the Incorporated Cities of San Diego County, and the San Diego Unified Port District (Municipal Permit), as adopted, amended, and/or modified. The Municipal Permit prohibits any activities that could degrade storm water quality. Post-construction / operational use of this project site must comply with the Municipal Permit and Authority direction related to permitted activities including the requirements found in the Authority’s Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP).

No discharges of any material or waste, including potable water, wash water, dust, soil, trash and debris, may contaminate storm water or enter the storm water conveyance system. Any such material that inadvertently contaminates storm water or enters the storm water conveyance system as part of site operations must be removed immediately. All unauthorized discharges to the storm water conveyance system or the Bay or the ocean must be reported immediately to the Environmental Affairs, in order to address any regulatory permit requirements regarding spill notifications.

Best management practices (BMPs) must be implemented by the Tenant to control the potential release of any materials or wastes being handled or stored on-site which could enter the storm water conveyance system due to wind or storm water runoff.

In addition, this project is subject to the Authority’s Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) process. As such, approval of the project by the Authority is necessarily conditioned upon submission by the project proponent of a project specific Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (USWMP) that meets Authority requirements. Project approval requires full implementation of all USWMP structural and non-structural BMPs throughout the life of the project. The implementation and maintenance of the USWMP BMPs constitute regulatory obligations for the lessee, and failure to comply with the Municipal Permit, the SWMP, or the Authority approved USWMP, including the specific BMPs contained therein, may be considered a default under the lease.”

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